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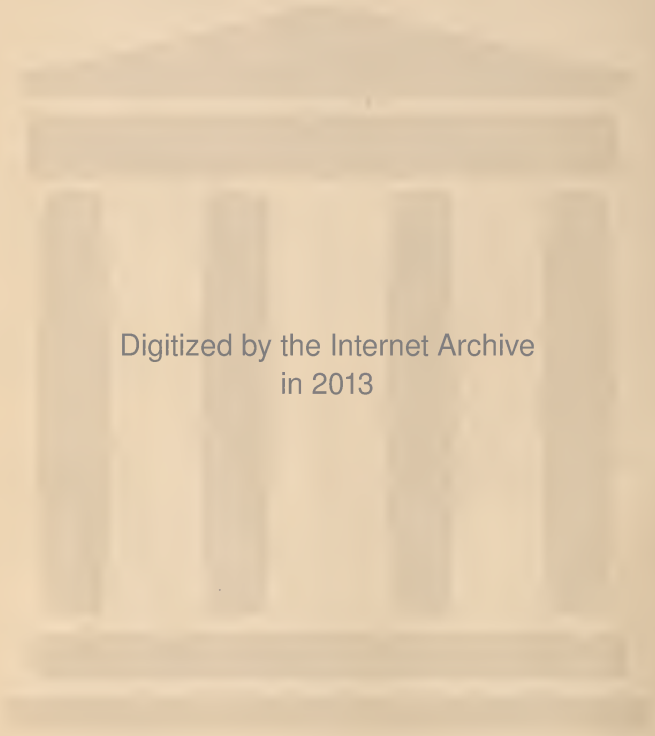
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REPORTS

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OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND OTHER OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON,

FROM

FEB. 26, 1879, to FEB. 26, 1880,

INCLUDING THE

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN 1879,

ALSO THE

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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1880.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1880.

TOWN CLERK.

William D. Tuttle.

SELECTMEN.

Daniel J. Wetherbee, John White, Phineas Wetherbee.

ASSESSORS.

William D. Tuttle, Aaron C. Handley, Phineas Wetherbee.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

John E. Cutter, John White, Frank Hosmer.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Lucy M. Mead, Charles D. Griggs, for 3 years; Luther Conant, George F. Flagg, for 2 years, George H. Harris, Isaac W. Flagg, for 1 year.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Charles Wheeler, Abram H. Jones. Daniel Wetherbee.
Oliver W. Mead, George R. Keyes.

FENCE VIEWERS.

John Fletcher, John R. Houghton, Nahum C. Reed.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

William B. Davis, George H. Harris, E. F. Richardson,
Charles B. Stone, Francis Dwight, L. W. Stevens,
E. J. Robbins.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD.

E. J. Robbins, Henry D. Parlin, G. H. Warren,
William B. Davis, George H. Harris, Jona. W. Loker,
Charles B. Stone, L. S. Hosmer, Solomon L. Dutton,
Isaac W. Flagg.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

John Fletcher, 2d, Wm. W. Davis, Joseph F. Cole.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Appropriations and Receipts.

Unexpended balance of last year,	$3,184	39
Regular Town Grant,	7,000	00
" " " for Schools,	2,500	00
" " " " Highways,	1,200	00
State Tax,	360	00
County "	520	10
Overlayings,	371	68
Eight Polls,	13	44
Liquor Licenses,	251	00
Corporation Tax,	593	50
National Bank Tax,	419	61
Received of Charles Wheeler for sluice at N. Acton,	5	00
State Aid,	96	00
Indigent Soldiers' Aid,	285	12
Cash of A. H. Jones, for old plank,	6	50
" John Fletcher, Woodlawn Cemetery,	24	00
" State Treasurer, School Fund,	177	63
" Town Hall,	79	00
Cash from E. H. Cutler, receipts from Estate of Lucy Hosmer,	20	17
" " Mount Hope Cemetery,	12	00
" " Dog Fund,	203	49
" " Benj. F. Hapgood, reward,	10	00
		$17,332 63

EXPENDITURES.

Support of Schools.

Paid	Chas. B. Stone, West District,	$681	21	
	Geo. F. Flagg, South "	681	21	
	Luther Conant, Centre, "	676	37	
	I. W. Flagg, East "	308	11	
	Geo. H. Harris, North "	308	11	
	W. S. Jones, So. East "	150	00	
				$2,805 01

Repairs on Town Buildings.

Paid	Geo. F. Flagg, repairs on South Acton school house and fence,	$63	34	
	Ai Robbins, for stone gutters for Town House,	12	00	
	I. W. Flagg, for lead and oil for North Acton school house,	23	49	
	C. B. Davis, for 13 3-4 days work on North Acton school house,	27	30	
	Henry W. Richardson, for repairing Town House chimneys,	17	85	
	Henry W. Richardson, for repairing East school house,	27	94	
	Luther Conant, for painting Centre school house,	77	84	
	John White, material for North Acton school house,	2	10	
	Chas. B. Stone, repairs on West Acton school house,	13	60	
				$265 46

Repairs on Highways.

Paid	F. H. Whitcomb, breaking roads, 1879,	$14	80	
	Geo. Chandler, posts for railings,	11	80	
	T. C. Graham, gravel bank in West Acton,	15	00	

Paid	C. A. Harrington, plank for Powder Mill bridge,	69 07	
	D. J. Wetherbee, iron and bolts for Powder Mill bridge,	37 34	
	D. J. Wetherbee, plank for Powder Mill bridge,	31 19	
	A. H. Jones, repairs on Powder Mill bridge,	114 36	
	J. E. Reed, lumber for Powder Mill bridge,	26 34	
	A. H. Jones, breaking and repairing roads in Jan., Feb. & Mar., 1879,	53 38	
	Chas. Wheeler, breaking roads, "	40 14	
	American Powder Co., labor on Powder Mill bridge,	10 41	
	E. B. Forbush, breaking roads, 1879,	6 45	
	Luther Conant, " " 1878-79,	7 05	
	Geo. H. Harris, " " "	2 63	
	J. E. Billings, " " 1879,	7 27	
	Silas Conant, labor railing roads,	7 63	
	A. H. Jones, gravel for highways,	37 00	
			$491 86

Regular Highway Work.

A. H. JONES, SURVEYOR.

For	56 1-2 days work, at $2.00,	$113 00	
	50 " " oxen, 1.75,	87 51	
	94 1-4 " " horses, 1.00,	94 25	
	49 3-4 " " Lowell Jones, 1.50,	74 64	
	47 1-4 " " Elmer Holman,	70 88	
	50 1-2 " " A. Cole,	75 75	
	20 1-4 " " Fred Mann,	30 38	
	6 " " Chas. Brooks,	9 00	
	Repairs,	4 00	
			$559 41

CHARLES WHEELER, SURVEYOR.

For 54 1-2 days work, at $2.00,		$109 00	
58 " " oxen, 1.75,		101 50	
95 4-5 " " horses, 1.00,		95 80	
66 " 4 1-2 h., C. H. Wheeler, 1.50,		99 67	
16 " work, Allen Smith,		24 00	
57 3-4 " " James Waldren,		86 63	
67 3-4 " " Ed. O'Neal,		101 63	
7 1-2 " " Silas Conant,		11 25	
1-2 " " Spofford Robbins,		75	
5 3-4 " " Fred Mann,		8 62	
4 1-2 " " James Wheeler,		6 75	
1-2 " " Henry Wheeler,		75	
1 " " Daniel Redding,		25	
1 " " Alfred Moorhouse,		1 25	
1-2 " " Ai Robbins,		75	
6-10 " " John McCarty,		90	
Repairing Scraper,		4 90	
Powder,		15 61	
Blacksmith bills,		7 76	
Rake Handle,		25	
Castings,		66	
2 Hoes,		1 50	
			$680 18

By Order of County Commissioners.

Paid A. H. Jones, South Acton Road,	$300 06	
Chas. Wheeler, " " "	369 74	
" " North " "	40 00	
" " for stone bounds and labor setting,	80 70	
		$790 50

Support of Poor.

Paid E. H. Cutler, for support of—			
Clara Wheeler,	$336	93	
Lucy Hosmer,	71	75	
Coffin and Robe for Lucy Hosmer,	21	00	
Burial expenses,	14	30	
Sarah B. Childs,	13	50	
Lucy Oliver,	48	23	
Flora Butler,	3	00	
Car fare of Esther Oliver,		75	
Henry Jones,	49	10	
Ellen McClern,	10	88	
John Dakin,	78	00	
Betsey Chaffin,	164	00	
Family of Patrick Redding,	14	75	
Dr. Sanders, Redding Family,	5	00	
" Traynor,	94	54	
Dr. Hutchins, services 1877–78,	9	80	
Journey to Boston resp'ting E. McClern,	2	50	
" " " " Bergendhall,	2	50	
Stationery,	1	00	
Stamps,	1	00	
E. H. Cutler, balance due Town Farm April 1, 1879,	162	05	
E. H. Cutler, for use on farm 1879,	80	00	
			$1,184 58

Town Debt.

Paid Mrs. Harriet Davis,	$529	37	
Mrs. Philip Peters,	1,623	67	
David M. Handley,	500	00	
Joseph Barker,	546	17	
			$3,199 21

State Aid.

Paid Mrs. R. C. Wright,	12	00	
Mrs. Hattie W. Wilder,	12	00	
			$24 00

Indigent Soldiers' Aid.

Paid	Mrs. Hattie W. Wilder,	$32 00	
	Mrs. R. C. Wright,	32 00	
	George Dole,	32 00	
	John Carroll,	76 00	
	Wm. F. Wood,	62 00	
	Wm. Reed,	8 00	
	Allen G. Smith,	56 00	
	Benj. Skinner, paid E. H. Cutler,	48 00	
	Wm. F. B. Whitney,	60 00	
		———	$406 00

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Cemetery Expenses.

Paid	John Fletcher, Woodlawn Cemetery,	$58 75	
	Jos. F. Cole, Mount Hope "	39 75	
		———	$98 50

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Town Officers.

Paid	B. S. Woodward, sealer of Weights and Measures,	$18 00	
	F. P. Wood, Supt. of Schools, 1878–79,	45 00	
	" " " " "	45 00	
	Phineas Wetherbee, services as Assessor,	25 00	
	A. C. Handley, " " "	23 50	
	Wm. D. Tuttle, " " "	30 00	
	" " Town Clerk,	25 00	
	D. J. Wetherbee, services as Selectman,	70 00	
	John White, " " "	45 00	
	Chas. B. Stone, " " "	45 00	
	Francis Dwight, services as Collector and Treasurer,	70 00	
		———	$441 50

Interest on Notes.

Paid	J. K. Putney,	$39 00	
	Mrs. Philip Peters,	93 00	
	Fredrick Rouillard,	150 00	
	Mary P. Hosmer,	60 00	
	Daniel Harris,	48 00	
	James E. Billings,	201 96	
	Calvin Harris,	12 00	
	Jonathan A. Piper,	36 00	
	David M. Handley,	180 00	
	D. J. Wetherbee,	34 52	
	Luther Billings,	24 00	
	Joseph Barker,	30 00	
	Sarah C. Noyes,	48 00	
	Thos. P. Noyes,	24 00	
	Geo. H. Harris,	6 00	
			$986

Miscellaneous.

Paid	Reuben L. Reed, for sealers stamp and weights,	$2 00
	Edward Tuttle, use of Pump, 1877-78,	5 00
	C. W. Leach, for Warrants,	6 00
	" " " Selectmen's Reports,	15 00
	" " " Order Blanks,	1 50
	" " " Town Reports,	51 00
	" " " Reward Notices,	1 75
	" " " Blanks,	42
	" " " Voting Lists,	14 00
	" " " Posters,	1 50
	H. M. Smith, repairing Town Clock,	2 25
	Freeman Williams, for sign boards for Magog Pond and No. Acton road,	3 75
	Josiah Dow, land and building sluice and roadway to his place,	25 00

Paid	D. J. Wetherbee, coal for Town House,	18	54
	C. B. Stone, tile for sluice in So. Acton,	17	67
	A. H. Jones, labor on " " " "	6	8
	Luke Tuttle, Journey to Winchester to procure fish,	5	00
	Luke Tuttle, Journey from Depot to Magog Pond,	2	00
	Francis Dwight, discount on Taxes, 1879,	640	86
	A. C. Handley, 2 Assessors' Books,		85
	James Fisk, opening Town Hall, 26 times,	19	00
	James Fisk, cleaning Hall,	4	50
	" " pail,		12
	" " broom,		38
	" " oil,		24
	" " care of cellar,	3	00
	" " " clock,	6	67
	Julian Tuttle, opening Hall 8 times,	5	75
	" " washing Hall,	2	00
	" " oil,	1	88
	" " wicks,		10
	" " chimneys,	1	50
	" " shavings,		70
	Luther Conant, Dictionary for Centre school,	8	50
	Luther Conant, recording deed,	1	00
	John Fletcher, repairing Town Clock,	2	00
	" " " Ladders on Monument,	1	40
	Wm. D. Tuttle, express on documents,	2	45
	" " locating bounds,	1	50
	" " 2 journeys to Concord,	3	00
	" " postage,		67
	" " recording deed,		85

Paid Wm. D. Tuttle recording Births,	$16 00	
" " " Deaths,	4 90	
" " " Marriages,	3 75	
Francis Dwight, abatement of Taxes 1877,	10 74	
Francis Dwight, summoning persons to take oath of office,	2 50	
Francis Dwight, printing Dog notices,	1 50	
" " Tax book,	1 25	
" " stationery and postage,	1 25	
" " making returns 26 deaths,	6 50	
" " reward,	25 00	
" " 30 burials,	90 00	
" " fees for travel to enforce dog law.	3 25	
		$1,054 77

Receipts from February 26, 1879, to February 26, 1880.

Unexpended balance as per report of Feb. 26, 1879,	$3,184 39	
Appropriations and Receipts,	14,148 24	
		$17,332 63

Expenditures.

Support of Schools,	$2,805 01
Repairs on Town Buildings,	265 46
" " Highways,	491 86
Regular Highway Work.	1,239 59
By Order of County Commissioners,	790 50
Support of Poor,	1,184 58
Town Debt,	3,199 21
State Aid,	24 00
Indigent Soldiers' Aid.	406 00
Cemetery Expenses.	98 50
Town Officers,	441 50
Interest on Notes,	986 48

Miscellaneous,	1,054 77	
State Tax,	360 00	
County Tax,	520 10	
State Treasurer, Liquor Licenses,	62 75	
		$13,930 31
Balance in Treasury, Feb. 26, 1880,		$3,402 32

Town Debt. Notes.

Daniel Harris,	$819 33	
D. J. Wetherbee,	595 41	
J. E. Billings,	3,440 96	
I. T. Flagg,	105 41	
Calvin Harris,	202 63	
Luther Billings,	405 49	
Mrs. J. K. Putney,	686 94	
Joseph Barker,	501 08	
J. A. Piper,	609 82	
David M. Handley,	2,542 75	
Fredrick Rouillard,	2,606 69	
Sarah C. Noyes,	800 00	
Thomas P. Noyes,	400 00	
Mrs. M. P. Hosmer,	1,039 33	
George H. Harris,	100 00	
		$14,856 84
Amount due from State Aid,	$ 24 00	
" " " Indigent Soldiers' Aid to Feb. 1, 1880,	203 00	
" " " Town Treasurer,	3,402 32	
		$3,629 32
Balance against the Town,		$11,227 52

D. J. WETHERBEE, JOHN WHITE, CHAS. B. STONE, } Selectmen of Acton.

ACTON, Feb. 26, 1880.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
FOR 1879.

Births in Acton in 1879.

No.	Date of birth. Name of child. Names of parents.
1.	Jan. 4, Harry Leslie Mason, son of Irad and Catherine Mason.
2.	Jan. 6, Grace Evelyn Taylor, daughter of Lyman C. and Addie Taylor.
3.	Feb. 16, Marion Hesselton, daughter of Lucius A. and Martha F. Hesselton.
4.	Mar. 3, Harvey Fletcher Tuttle, son of Joseph F. and Jennie E. Tuttle.
5.	Mar. 4, Elbrit Mayu Goding, son of Theodore P. and Ella F. Goding.
6.	Mar. 8, Wallace Edwin Stone, son of Edwin and Frances A. Stone.
7.	Mar. 10, Alice Emma Miller, daughter of Charles I. and L. Lizzie Miller.
8.	Mar. 28, Blanche May Smith, daughter of Frank and Anna Smith.
9.	April 29, Simon Davis Taylor, son of Moses E. and Clara Taylor.
10.	May 2, Jennie Mabel Redding, daughter of Patrick and Hannah Redding.
11.	May 31, Hattie Isabel Lawrence, daughter of James R. and Abbie F. Lawrence.
12.	June 6, Ralph Blanchard Knowlton, son of Amasa M. and Elizabeth F. Knowlton.
13.	June 7 Edith May Griggs, daughter of Charles D. and Sarah Jane Griggs.
14.	June 9, Nettie Sophia Richardson, daughter of Henry W. and Mary H. Richardson.

15. June 12, in Greenville, N. H., Bessie Amanda Ritter, daughter of Albion L. and Mary L. Ritter.
16. June 15, Grace Elsie Reed, daughter of Isaac G. and Garafelia M. Reed.
17. July 9, Mabel Frances Wetherbee, daughter of D. James and Augusta A. Wetherbee.
18. Aug. 10, Nellie May, daughter of John and Julia May.
19. Aug. 29, Arthur Edwin Wheeler, son of Edwin M. and Ellen G. Wheeler.
20. Sept. 1, Clifton Wentworth Claggett, son of Charles W. and Mary Claggett.
21. Sept. 1, Frank Percy Richardson, son of James E. and Sara R. Richardson.
22. Sept. 4, Lizzie Lucinda Wherren, daughter of Joseph W. and Augusta H. Wherren.
23. Sept. 4, Albert Davis, son of John and Elizabeth Davis.
24. Sept. 23, Hannah Calanan, daughter of Daniel and Ellen Calanan.
25. Oct. 12, Mary Agnes O'Connell, daughter of M. C. and Lizzie O'Connell.
26. Oct. 19, Alberta May Chadwick, daughter of Cyrus W. and Helen B. Chadwick.
27. Nov. 5, a daughter to Michael and Sarah McCarthy.
28. Nov. 9, Franklin Ernest Johnson, son of Nathan and Sally Johnson.
29. Nov. 17, George Albert Dockendorff, son of Jacob and Martha A. Dockendorff.
30. Dec. 16, Ruth Amy Mills, daughter of James I. and Mary M. Mills.

Births not previously Reported.

May 7, 1875, Ira Alberto Mills, son of James I and Mary M. Mills.

Jan. 5, 1878, Ada Luella Griggs, daughter of Charles D. and Sarah Jane Griggs.

Marriages Recorded in Acton in 1879.

No. Date of Marriage. Names and residence of parties.

1. Jan. 6, Mr. Uri A. Stone of Acton, and Miss Martha Jennette Nay of Boston.
2. Feb. 17, Mr. Edmund B. Hooper and Mrs. Ella L. Drew, both of Acton.

3. Mar. 11, Mr. Frank W. Brigham of Acton, and Miss Mary L. Morey of Boylston.
4. April 8, Mr. Levi W. Stevens of Acton, and Miss Mary Croston of Bradford.
5. April 14, Mr. George A. Horslin of Fitchburg, and Miss Delia Moulton of Acton.
6. April 15, Mr. John Quinlan and Mrs. Julia Lynch, both of Acton.
7. April 16, Mr. Benjamin C. Mansfield and Miss Clara M. Fowler, both of Acton.
8. May 1, Mr. Charles W. Leach of Acton, and Miss Maria A. Forbush of Stow.
9. May 12, Mr. Henry M. Warden of Manchester, N. H., and Miss Lizzie Perkins of Acton.
10. May 12, Mr. Edwin A. Phalen and Miss Hattie D. Reed, both of Acton.
11. May 15, Mr. Frank R. Knowlton and Miss Emma S. Hosmer, both of Acton.
12. May 21, Mr. Sidney D. Haynes of Sudbury, and Miss Georgie E. Gates of Acton.
13. June 3, Mr. Walter E. Hayward and Miss Nettie F. Robbins, both of Acton.
14. June 22, Mr. George M. Parker of Bedford, and Miss Lulu N. Moulton of Acton.
15. June 26, Mr. Lorenzo E. Reed of Acton, and Miss A. Florence House of Lowell.
16. July 21, Mr. Silas Taylor Fletcher and Miss Sarah F. Robbins, both of Acton.
17. Aug. 8, Mr. James Ackerman and Mrs. Martha Ethel Marchant, both of Acton.
18. Aug. 31, Mr. J. Herbert Blodgett and Miss Minnie A. Munroe, both of Acton.
19. Oct. 5, Mr. Ginery T. Davis of Brookline, and Miss Hattie D. Moulton of Acton.
20. Oct. 16, Mr. Jacob T. Rideout of Brunswick, Me., and Miss Jennette McKenzie of Dartmouth, N. S.
21. Oct. 22, Mr. Charles H. Taylor of Acton, and Miss Fannie A. Hussey of Littleton.
22. June 7, Mr. George A. Whitney and Miss Emeline Sharp, both of Maynard.
23. April 2, Mr. Fred E. Nason and Miss Fannie E. Wheeler, both of Concord.

24. April 9, Mr. Charles A. Moore of Littleton, and Miss Clara E. Smith of Waltham.
25 Sept. 3, Mr. Adelbert A. Martin and Miss Sarah J. McAustin, both of Maynard.

Deaths Registered in Acton in 1879.

No. Date of Death. Names and Ages of Deceased.

1. Jan. 7, Mrs. Ruth Dole, aged 96 years, 5 months, 19 days.
2. Feb. 4, Mrs. Myra T. Miles, aged 74 years, 11 months, 9 days.
3. Mar. 2, Mrs. Mary A. Manion, aged 30 years, 5 months, 19 days.
4. Mar. 14, Mrs. Dolly M., wife of Joseph Noyes, aged 57 years, 7 months, 9 days.
5. April 15, Widow Sarah B. Stearns, aged 85 years, 2 months, 11 days.
6. April 18, Mrs. Angenette W., wife of George H. Harris, aged 35 years, 5 months, 18 days.
7. April 26, Marion, daughter of Lucius A. and Martha F. Hesselton, aged 2 months, 10 days.
8. May 26, at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, Mr. Simon D. Taylor, aged 23 years, 6 months, 24 days.
9. May 28, Mr. Jonas K. Putney, aged 76 years, 9 months, 28 days.
10. June 15, Mr. Levi Chamberlain, aged 72 years, 4 months.
11. June 16, at Westford, Mr. Daniel Jones, aged 66 years, 2 months, 24 days.
12. June 28, Miss Delia A. Barker, aged 27 years, 6 months, 17 days.
13. July 16, Dea. John Fletcher, aged 88 years, 11 months, 25 days.
14. June 7, Mrs. Loisa Mohr, aged 28 years, 5 months, 11 days.
15. July 23, Herbert, son of John and Elizabeth Davis, aged 1 year, 7 months, 24 days.
16. July 28, Mr. William Moynehan, aged 58 years.
17. Aug. 8, Mrs. Emily Churchill, aged 75 years, 4 months
18. Aug. 16, Mr. Jeremiah Hosmer, aged 85 years, 4 months, 16 days.
19. Aug. 25, Harry Ernest, son of George W. and Angie H. Knowlton, aged 7 years, 9 months, 14 days.

20. Sept. 4, Rev. D. M. Crane, aged 67 years, 6 months, 4 days.
21. Sept. 16, Albert, son of John and Elizabeth Davis, aged 12 days.
22. Oct. 2, Mrs. Nancy B., wife of Cyrus Law, aged 64 years, 5 months, 24 days.
23. Oct. 13, Widow Harriet Davis, aged 82 years, 9 months 13 days.
24. Oct. 18, Mr. John C. Moore, aged 20 years, 10 months, 14 days.
25. Nov. 9, Edith M., daughter of William H. and Ida Hobson, aged 1 year, 2 months, 28 days.
26. Nov. 5, a daughter of M. and Sarah McCarthy, aged 1 day.
27. Nov. 18, Mrs. Nancy W., wife of Francis Robbins, aged 63 years, 10 months, 14 days.
28. Dec. 8, Mr. Josiah D. Wheeler, aged 67 years, 11 months, 4 days.
29. Dec. 27, Mr. Martin Pike, aged 73 years, 11 months, 23 days.

NAMES OF PERSONS IN ACTON HAVING DOGS LICENSED 1879.

M. Augusta Hosmer,
Mrs. H. M. Beck,
Daniel Harris,
Baldwin & Hesselton,
Dame F. Hayward, 2,
Chas. H. Fairbanks, fem.
Frank Barker,
Nixon Ball,
T. P. Goding, fem.,
Francis Dwight, 3,
E. B. Hooper,
Theron F. Newton,
Elnathan Jones,
H. Waldo Tuttle,
L. S. Hosmer,
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 2,
C. H. Snow,
A. S. Fletcher.
Chas. A. Harrington,
Jos. W. Wherren,
Edwin Tarbell,
Levi Houghton,
Moses Taylor,
A. C. Handley,
A. J. Willis,
John Temple,
George Flagg,
F. J. Wood,
Augustus Fletcher,
Windsor Pratt,
Geo. V. Mead,
Lester Fletcher,
John Fletcher, Jr.,
John Fletcher & Sons.
John W. Charter,
E. B. Forbush, fem.
John White, fem.
Francis Conant,
Jas. Hannon,
S. F. Reed.
Chas. Wheeler, fem.
Robert N. Gowell,
Luther Conant.
H. A. Littlefield.
C. H. Handley,
Anson C. Piper,
Jos. Wheeler.
Jos. Reed.
Taylor, Brothers & Co.,
Frank Pratt.
Frank Wetherbee,
E. J. Robbins,
Henry Haynes,
Solon Robbins,
G. H. Waugh.
Neil Currie,
Dan'l Gallaghar,
Daniel Tuttle,
I. S. Leach.
George Pratt, 1. m.
George Pratt, 1 fem.
Geo. R. Keyes.
Geo. C. Wright.
A. B. Brown.
F. W. Houghton,
M. F. Going.
Geo. Jackson,
O. E. Preston.
H. E. Preston,
Geo. H. Shapley,
Geo. C. Conant,
Cyrus Hayward.
Geo. W. Knowlton,
Willie O'Neil,
H. W. Richardson,
Charles Morris,
James Waldron,
W. A. Gilmore.
Geo. Conant,
H. Hanson,
John Welch,
John Dubois,
A. L. Tuttle.
Geo. W. Livermore,
Jerry H. McCarthy,
Nathan Johnson,
Chas. D. Griggs,
Waldo Littlefield,
Albert Moulton,
H. C. Wheeler, fem.
John Kelly,
Hugh Gill,
Chas. H. Conant,
Francis Robbins, fem.
Chas. E. Worcester,
John D. Moulton,
George Worster, fem.
Isaac Barker,
James D. Coburn,
C. J. Williams,

95 Males at $2.00,	$190.00
9 Females at $5.00.	45.00
Total, 104	$235.00

WM. D. TUTTLE, Town Clerk.

Acton, March 1, 1880.

REPORT OF THE

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES

AT THE

ALMSHOUSE IN ACTON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1ST, 1880.

ARTICLES ON HAND APRIL 1, 1880.

13 cows,	$520 00	Boiled cider,	75
1 horse,	80 00	Cider,	3 00
12 1-2 tons of hay,	195 00	Salt pickles,	1 50
Cotton seed meal,	2 80	Beets,	50
Meal,	6 90	Soap,	50
Shorts,	24 00	Apples,	50
Corn,	1 30	Onions,	25
Plaster,	40	Ketchup,	50
Bags,	3 00	80 lbs. ham,	9 60
Barrels,	17 00	Sausages,	3 00
Glass,	24	Flour,	6 50
12 cords wood cut for use,	54 00	Tea,	1 00
31 hens,	15 50	Sugar,	50
Boxes,	60	Spices,	25
Tub,	75	Dried apples,	1 00
Lumber,	18 00	Eggs,	45
Potatoes,	43 50	Candles,	50
325 lbs. pork,	29 25	Beans,	20
115 lbs. lard,	11 50	Oil,	12
Butter,	60		
Corned beef,	64		$1,056 35
Apple sauce,	75		

EXPENSES.

Paid for butter,	$54	74	
cheese,	9	18	
crackers,	25	44	
Sugar,	19	89	
molasses,	6	87	
coffee,	2	72	
tea,	10	30	
tobacco,	13	11	
fish,	16	98	
beans,	4	57	
spices,	1	95	
matches,	2	30	
clothing,	19	52	
chimneys,		69	
chambers,	1	40	
saleratus,	1	02	
sad iron,		45	
seeds,	1	01	
candles,	1	37	
medicine,	5	58	
shovel,		17	
snuff,		80	
scythes,	2	55	
rakes,	1	36	
flour,	54	00	
pipes,		10	
mustard,	1	54	
salts,		12	
pails,		97	
brooms,		95	
Paid for rye meal,		20	
boots & shoes,	12	98	
lanterns,	2	02	
oat meal,		52	
oil,	5	62	
wicks,		10	
whet stones,		43	
snath,		83	
fare to Lowell,		80	
raisins,	1	51	
lemons,	1	15	
curtains,		38	
peas,		35	
hoes,	1	00	
horse radish,		08	
grain,	254	74	
starch,		38	
stationery,		16	
pins,		08	
Paris green,		90	
Bristol brick,		10	
corn cutter,		60	
alum,		22	
glass,		79	
salt petre,		16	
cards,		16	
axes,	1	70	
gimblet,		10	
tumblers,		30	
printers' ink,	1	05	

RECEIPTS FROM TOWN FARM-1879-80.

Received for calfskin,	$	70	
milk,	571	71	
calves,	18	25	
apples,	322	05	
cows,	137	28	
grapes,	1	68	
poultry,	10	93	
boarding B. Skinner,	72	00	
pork,	17	47	
Received for bull,	28	00	
use of bull,	3	00	
berries,	5	00	
eggs,	4	76	
potatoes,	7	62	
soap grease,		50	
care & support F.J.Aiken,	34	71	
	$1,235	66	

Paid for soap,	12	88	Paid for prunes,		35
yeast,		99	tin ware,		88
onions,	2	07	grass seed,	5	36
cream tartar,	2	28	lock,		50
fork,		37	phosphate,	7	85
cans,		82	castings,	4	47
shells,		19	meat,	62	75
clothes line,		90	bags,		25
nails,		90	wash tubs,	1	50
salt,	2	65	basket,		42
barrels,	24	95	bug poison,		50
rice,		36	sink,	3	00
lamp,		37	blacksmith bill,	13	77
horse blanket,	1	25	eggs to set,		75
cabbages,		36	smoking hams,	1	20
teaming lumber,	3	00	repairing pump,	4	50
labor,	183	00	coffin and robe for L. Chamberlain,	13	00
bull,	20	00	wheelwright bill,	2	25
saw bill,	2	94	repairing harness,		10
repairing shoes,		85	keeping cows,	6	00
filing saws.		73	use of bull 77, 78 and 79,	14	00
cows,	254	00	board & nursing F. J. Aiken,	17	71
use of team,	22	75	Dr. Sanders, do.,	17	00
butchering,		75	N. S. Brooks,	12	00
truss B. Skinner,	2	50	services of J. Dubois & wife,	247	50
cider,	8	96	E. H. Cutler,	50	00
cash B. Skinner,	9	00	John White,	10	00
vinegar,	2	80	Frank Hosmer,	10	00
plow beam,	2	60			
use of harrow,		50			
Dr. Sanders' bill,	15	65			
peach trees,	12	00			

Total amount of Expenditures,	$1,663 05
" " Receipts,	1,235 66
Deficiency,	$427 39
Balance due as per report of the Overseers of Poor, April 1, 1879,	162 05
	$589 44

Drawn from the Treasury April 1, 1879,	$162 05	
" " " " for use on farm 1879–1880,	80 00	
		242 05
Balance due April 1, 1880,		$347 39
Deficiency,	$427 39	
Interest on Farm,	240 00	
		$667 39
Victualing 504 Tramps at 40 cents,		201 60
Cost of supporting poor on farm,		$465 79

Whole number of persons, exclusive of tramps supported in Almshouse, 7; average number, 4 3-4; present number, 5.

ELISHA H. CUTLER,
JOHN WHITE,
FRANK HOSMER,
} Overseers of Poor.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee & Town of Acton

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR, 1879–80.

To The Citizens of Acton:—

Your School Committee, through their agent the Superintendent of Schools respectfully submit for your careful consideration the following report:

When we take into consideration the number of our school months, the number of different teachers who have been in our employ and all the obstacles which are in the way of the perfect success of anything in this world, which has an elevating tendency, we feel that we have good reason for congratulation. Our appropriations for school purposes are necessarily so small in comparison with those of the larger towns and cities that we are unable to retain our best teachers or to attract superior ones from neighboring towns. Our appropriation for schools is only about nine dollars per scholar while that of the town of Quincy which has a deserved reputation for excellent schools is over twenty-one dollars per scholar. When the results of our educational work are compared with those of larger towns and cities this fact should be borne in mind. How long would the town of Quincy have a reputation for superior public schools, were she to reduce her school appropriation by more than one-half?

We are able to state, however, without any exaggera-

tion that no teacher has been in our employ during the year who was not well qualified to instruct her pupils in all the studies they wished to pursue. In two or three instances the usefulness of the teachers was somewhat impaired by a lack of enthusiasm, but in all these cases the deficiency was more noticeable, because the teachers who preceded them possessed this quality to a marked degree.

No epidemic has prevailed in the town during the year to impair the attendance to any considerable extent, though some parents have not been careful to keep their children in the schools every day, and on this account pupils have met with an irreparable loss. Facts have been reported to us, since the last term closed, which impress us with the importance of a more careful enforcement of our truant laws.

We think it also important that better provisions should be made for the safe ventilation of our school rooms that so many pupils may not be detained from school by colds contracted there. We trust our teachers will be more particular in the future in this regard. Such care ought to be taken of the health of our pupils that they will be safer, when in charge of the teacher, than when they are at home.

We have been pleased with the evidently growing interest in our public schools, on the part of the parents, and have been assisted very much by their co-operation.

The new and more natural methods of teaching which we have endeavored to introduce during the last year have been most heartily welcomed by the pupils and have met with little opposition from the parents, and that simply through a failure to fully understand the processes which we have endeavored to apply. Every thing that has been done in this direction has been at the suggestion and by the advice of the School Committee and we feel that the result in all the schools, where the methods have been enthusiastically and skillfully applied has justified the course which we have pursued, and we trust no adverse judgment will be passed until a sufficient time has elapsed to test the system.

Our schools are so far apart that it is not possible for us to have teachers' meetings without much inconvenience,

so that progress in methods of instruction depends quite largely upon the private suggestions of the Superintendent and is necessarily slow. We have not attempted to apply our ideas fully to the management of any of the schools and in some of the schools there has been but little change from the old methods, as we have feared teachers might be embarrassed and the pupils confused and the orderly appearance of the schools disturbed, but we have entered upon a course which, if persistently pursued, will result in more practical, more pleasant and in every way more efficient schools than we have had in the past.

That the teachers and general public may have a better understanding of our views, we think it expedient to state them quite fully in this report, though it be at the expense of some of the space which is usually devoted to a review of the different schools.

We wish to find and apply such a method of instruction that the pupils will seek and find the knowledge, that the schools are intended to impart, with the same zest and growing interest that, in the first years of their lives, they sought and acquired the knowledge of language and of the external world which they possessed when they began to go to school. From the time of birth to the age when the school life begins the mental powers are only slightly developed, but the organs of the body are free from unnatural restraint, the attention is constantly excited by a change of scene or by the presentation of new objects, the senses are constantly on the alert and there is hardly a moment of the conscious life of the child but contributes something to his stores of knowledge, simply because he is so circumstanced that he is taught in a natural way. The necessity of the child is to have a knowledge of the things which surround him and he acquires it by a perception of the things themselves. He needs to understand language and to be able to use it and he gains the desired knowledge by seeing what he hears illustrated by actual objects and by illustrating it himself. These are the natural methods which we ought to strive to imitate in our schools.

When the pupils leave the free out of door life to be confined several hours each day to receive knowledge which

most of them can not otherwise acquire, they ought to be placed in such pleasantly furnished rooms that the transition from home life will not be so abrupt and unpleasant as to prejudice them against the school and its pursuits.

Several of our school rooms are adorned with pretty mottoes and pictures and we see a growing tendency to cultivate flowering plants and to have vases of cut flowers in these rooms; which things indicate a drift in the right direction.

To every one who makes any marked progress in study there comes a time of mental inspiration, when he begins to feel that knowledge is a pearl of great price. It is the fact of this inspiration. or the lack of it that usually marks the difference between the bright and the dull scholar. We wish to conduct our schools in such a way that, if possible, we may secure this inspiration to all the pupils at an early age, so that the school duties may not be irksome to them for so many years.

The natural methods of instruction have been most successfully applied, in this country, thus far, to the primary schools and it is in them that they are most needed, for, if the pupils acquire a love for study before they leave the lower grades, they will be sure to learn in the higher departments, though the methods of teaching are not so perfect. If a man is really hungry he does not refuse to eat, though the food is coarse and poorly served, but if the appetite is poor, everything must be scrupulously nice or there is no relish. In our endeavors to benefit the schools, we have not only aimed at better methods of teaching but have encouraged our teachers to appear more enthusiastic in their work and thus to kindle enthusiasm in the pupils. The teacher and the pupils are engaged in the same work; if the manner of the former seems to indicate that she thinks it is drudgery, the latter will think it so in sober earnest. It is well and very necessary for the pupils to acquire habits of industry in school, but it is better for them to be made to feel that there is something so ennobling in work that they will pursue it out of love for it.

But without further reference to the general principles which we wish to see applied to the management of our

schools, we desire to state, as clearly as we are able to in a few words, our ideas of the proper treatment of the principal common school branches.

Reading. Under this head, we consider the following points important. When the child begins to learn, familiar objects should be presented and their names placed upon the board in script (writing). It has been ascertained that a child can learn a whole word as the sign of an object or idea just as easily as he can learn the name of a single letter, composing the word. When the child has become somewhat familiar with one word, another should be placed upon the board with it and so on, as his list of familiar words is enlarged. The words should be placed in various combinations and the child should be required to point them out, that it may be certain that he knows the form of the word without reference to its location. The transition from script words to the printed forms is so easy that we do not advise teachers to print words upon the boards. The pupils will learn the letters and their sounds later, when they have made some progress in acquiring a knowledge of words. By this method, we avoid the drawling and labored reading which is so common in public schools. When the pupils have passed through one grade of readers it has been found very useful for them to pursue other reading matter of the same grade before they are advanced to the next book in the regular series.

It ought to be borne in mind constantly that the ability to pronounce the words correctly is only a part of the art of reading. If a person is to read well he must be able, in the first place, to understand the ideas of the author and to promote a facility in this we think it well to require pupils to read selections silently and then state the substance of what they read either orally or in writing.

Of course much attention should be paid to expression in reading and the teachers ought never to tire of questioning the pupils as to the meaning of words which they read.

Writing. As we have stated above, the child's first reading lessons should be written upon the board. The pupil's first lessons in writing should be found in his efforts to copy these words. At first the word "cat" and

other simple words should be set before him and he should be taught to trace them many times that he may become familiar with the forms and the use of the crayons and in a few weeks he will be found copying the words upon his slate.

Spelling should furnish a constant drill in writing. The words ought to be carefully written upon the board and copied by the pupils and thus learned. Experience has shown that, if the pupils copy a list of words five or six times, it so impresses them that they may be reproduced at any time and that they are more permanently retained than when learned from the printed page to be recited orally. The principal use of knowing how to spell is the ability to write words correctly, and by this method the pupil is sure of a drill upon the very act which he will need to perform.

Of course it is very important that the teacher be a good writer and keep before her pupils excellent penmanship, as she will have more influence than their copy books in determining the hand they will write.

Arithmetic. In teaching the first principles, it is of the utmost importance that every step be illustrated by objects. The neglect of this practice has been the occasion of more poor instruction in this branch than in almost any other. It is very essential that the pupil thoroughly understand one combination before another is made. It has been said that during the first term no combination beyond four should be made. We have used the Franklin Primary Arithmetic in one of our schools, as an experiment, and have found it admirably adapted to the object method, when supplemented, as it was here, by a stand abundantly furnished with blocks and other articles which were distributed to the pupils to illustrate the principles of the book.

Practical problems out of the book involving the principles of the science should be frequently presented to the pupils through their whole course.

Geography should be first taught in its application to the vicinity of the school-room and of the town. This course will furnish the pupils a knowledge from which they may form an intelligent idea of that which lies beyond.

Geography is usually studied too much by rote and in

its dry details. Several of our schools have pursued the study during the past year by a scheme which has necessitated a more definite and practical knowledge of our globe than is usually acquired.

The plan has been about as follows:

1st. The study of the earth as a physical body, with reference to its vertical forms, the configuration of its land, water, etc.

2d. The study of it, as it has been affected by climate, the various causes which determine the climate and its effect upon vegetable and animal life, and upon the condition of the different races of men.

3d. The study of the face of the earth, as man has arranged it, with reference to political divisions, cities, etc.

Grammar. This branch of knowledge has been defined, by a standard authority, as "The art of speaking or writing with propriety; the right use of language." While we have a high appreciation of the value of a nice knowledge of analysis and parsing, we feel that there is a most urgent need of better instruction in English grammar as defined above.

The pupils should be encouraged to describe objects and pictures which are presented to them and the language of their descriptions should be corrected if it is faulty in any respect. The teachers ought to make a note of all the incorrect expressions, which they may overhear and teach the pupils in what particulars and why they are wrong. The scholars should be required to write letters and compositions upon familiar subjects and these should be carefully corrected.

Our limited space permits us only to glance at our ideas of the right methods of instruction in these branches, but we trust what we have said will suffice to illustrate the general principles which we wish to see applied.

We have referred to the branches of study which are usually taught in our schools and we have laid especial emphasis upon good instruction in them, but we think the cultivation of our pupils in morals and good manners is a matter which ought to occupy a very prominent place in the work of all our teachers.

We wish to say that one of the most pleasing results of the methods of teaching which we have briefly described is to be found in the fact that it almost completely obviates the necessity of corporal punishment. There are several of our schools in which there has not been a case of the kind during the year, and in all the schools the cases have been very rare, which fact makes our schools appear in pleasing contrast with some of those of our metropolis, as it appears from their superintendent's report.

Right methods of teaching seem to us of such vital importance that we wish all our teachers could have the benefit of the instruction of our normal schools, or, as this cannot be, we wish they might have some one or more of the excellent educational journals which are published at the present time. If the teachers do not feel able to procure such helps, we think it well worthy of the careful consideration of the committee, whether it would not be a profitable investment of money to place such periodicals in their teachers' hands.

We now invite your attention to a brief notice of the different schools.

CENTER GRAMMAR.

The Spring and Fall terms were taught by Miss A. C. Davis whose excellent work has been noticed in several of our previous reports. The Winter term was somewhat disturbed by a change of teachers when it was about half through. But the examination at the close showed that the scholars had made good progress in their studies. The teachers during the Winter term were Mr. Alfred N. Fuller and Miss Mary Fifield.

CENTER PRIMARY.

Miss Bessie M. Ball taught throughout the year, and by her enthusiastic application of the new methods of teaching and school management merits and has the appreciation of all in this vicinity who desire the most efficient work in our schools. This was Miss B's first experience in teaching, but her complete success seemed to be assured from the very commencement of her work.

SOUTH GRAMMAR.

The Spring term was taught by Miss H. S. Symonds, a teacher of excellent mental accomplishments and of an extended experience. She devoted herself very earnestly to her work, and would have been highly successful had she been able to secure a more perfect co-operation.

The Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss R. E. Stacy and under her care the school is making as rapid progress as we can reasonably expect.

SOUTH PRIMARY.

Miss Jennie M. McAlister, who was favorably mentioned in our last report, taught throughout the year. This teacher has begun to apply the new methods of instruction with gratifying results.

WEST GRAMMAR.

Mrs. M. W. Going, an enthusiastic teacher, who was mentioned in our last report continued in charge of this school during the Spring and Fall terms with excellent success, and was succeeded in the Winter term by Miss Elvira C. Gordon. Miss G. is a teacher of good intellectual qualifications and has had much successful experience in her vocation, but, in comparison with her predecessor, seemed lacking in enthusiasm. The examination at the close of school proved that the pupils had not failed to make progress in their studies. Some of the classes appeared exceedingly well.

WEST PRIMARY.

Miss Clara L. Sweatt, who has been very favorably mentioned in two of our previous reports, taught during the Spring and Winter terms. Because of illness she was not able to teach during the Fall term and Miss Hattie H. Freeman, who was teaching in a neighboring town, took charge of the school. Miss F. practiced the most approvd methods of teaching and in the management of her pupils showed a natural faculty for government. We consider her instruction in reading especially good.

NORTH SCHOOL.

The Spring and Fall terms were taught by Miss Susie M. Wetherbee. This was Miss W.'s first experience in teaching, but the examination at the close of the Fall term was very satisfactory to the parents and Committee and showed that she had done her work well.

The Winter term was taught by a teacher of tried experience, Mrs. A. H. Loker, whose excellent work has been noticed in several of our reports, and who never succeeded better than during this term.

EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Florence Hartwell continued in charge of this school, during the Spring and Fall terms, and the school made a steady progress while under her care. The Winter term was taught by Miss Emma Esterbrook, a teacher of experience and excellent natural qualities for her vocation. We have never seen the order of the school more perfect or the school spirit of the pupils better than during this term.

SOUTH EAST.

There was but one term of school in this part of the town during the year and that was during the Winter months in charge of Miss A. W. Packard. We have commended this teacher's work in previus reports, but we considered the last term one of the most profitable schools in this part of the town for several years.

Appended are the usual statistical reports.

LUTHER CONANT, Chairman,
C. B. STONE, Clerk,
I. W. FLAGG,
W. S. JONES,
G. H. HARRIS,
G. F. FLAGG,
F. P. WOOD, Supt. of Schools,

School Committee of Acton.

ROLL OF HONOR.

NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ABSENT OR TARDY.

West Primary.

For one Term.

Bertie Gardner,
Ida Littlefield,
Ida Richardson,
Bertie Going,
Guy Mead,
Herman Parker,
Brooks Parker,

For two terms.

Bertie Preston,
Vio Preston,
Bertie Hall,
Genie Hall,
Hobart Mead,
Alfred Richardson.

Center Grammar.

For one term.

Ella E. Daniels,
Grace E. Taylor,
Mary T. Waldron,
John F. Kingsley,*
Arthur B. Robbins,
Arthur W. Taylor,
Horace F. Tuttle,

For two terms.

Sara E. Hammond,
Julia M. Lane,
Annie B. Lee,
Elbridge R. Conant,

For three terms.

Susie E. Conant,
Annie M. Hammond,
Carrie A. Lund,
George S. Lee.

Center Primary.

For one term.

Jennie L. Ayers,
Almira Ayers,
Abbie F. Coughlin,
M. Ida Davis,
Bertha I. Fisk.

South Grammar.

For one term.

Susie Billings,
Susie Pond,
Myrtilla Richardson,
George Kelley.

For two terms.

Eda Shapley,
Eva Shapley,
Carrie Shapley,
Etta Temple.

South Primary.

For one term.

Florence F. Fletcher,
Carrie F. Hanson,
Clara F. Leach,
Sadie E. Sawyer,
Tillie W. Burns,
George C. Warren.*

For two terms.

Ada M. Jones,
Arthur Miller.

For three terms.

MARTHA C. PRATT,
LILLIAN F. RICHARDSON.

West Grammar.

For one term.

Mary A. Blanchard,
Florence T. Noyes,
Lottie S. Richardson,*
Bertha T. Wright,
Emery W. Clark,*
Walter C. Gardner.

For two terms.

Hattie A. Davis,
Mary L. Tuttle,
Herbert A Hapgood,
*Willie B. Hart,**
Freddie S. Whitcomb.

For three terms.

J. IDA TUTTLE,

Center Primary.

For one term.

Nellie E. Lane,
Lizzie M. Schofield,
Hattie L. Tuttle,
Arthur C. Allen,
Frank E. Fisk.

For two terms.

Lucy M. Davis,
Clara S. Hammond,
Hattie M. Robbins,
Clara B. Robbins,
Grace E. Tuttle,

*Were tardy once.

For three terms.

Albert J. Reed,
Oliver D. Wood,*

North School.

For one term.

Nellie Ryan,
Everett Rouillard,
James Ryan,
Edward Ryan,
Bertie H. Smith,
Edwin Smith,
Robert Wilson.

For two terms

Mattie Randolph,
Annie Ryan,
Lizzie Ryan,
John Ryan.

For three terms.

MATTIE F. SMITH.

East School.

For one term.

Fred W. Billings,
Roy G. Brooks,
Arthur B. Davis,*
Willie O. Smith,
Ernest E. Wetherbee.

For two terms.

Frank H. Billings,
Herbert H. Robbins,*
Harry G. Robbins.

South East.

For one term

George Hooper,
Ella Johnson,
Harry Hooper.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

WEST SCHOOL.

Drawn from the treasury,	$681 21	
Balance from last year,	4 71	
		$685 92
Paid to teachers,	$540 50	
" for fuel and preparing it,	55 44	
" " care of house and furnace,	45 00	
" " incidentals,	15 41	
Balance on hand,	29 57	
		$685 92

C. B. STONE, Committee.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Drawn from the treasury,	$686 21	
Balance from last year,	35 80	
Due to the Committee,	39	
		$722 40
Paid to teachers,	$650 00	
" for fuel and preparing it,	49 00	
" " cleaning and caring for room,	5 39	
" " repairs,	4 54	
" " brooms, erasers, crayons, books, etc.,	13 47	
		$722 40

GEO. F. FLAGG, Committee.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Drawn from the treasury,	$676 37	
Balance from last year,	18 69	
For fuel and care of room for writing school,	2 00	
		$697 06

Paid to teachers,	$568 00	
" for care of house,	31 50	
" " fuel and preparing it,	56 56	
" " incidentals,	14 80	
" " maps,	9 00	
" " use of instrument two terms,	8 50	
Balance on hand,	8 70	
		$697 06

LUTHER CONANT, Committee.

EAST SCHOOL.

Drawn from the treasury,	$308 11	
		$308 11
Deficiency on last year's account,	4 67	
Paid to teachers,	225 00	
" for fuel,	26 00	
" " incidentals,	6 57	
" " care of house,	12 00	
Balance on hand,	33 87	
		$308 11

I. W. FLAGG, Committee.

NORTH SCHOOL.

Drawn from the treasury,	$308 11	
Balance from last year,	13 70	
		$321 81
Paid teachers,	$237 25	
" for fuel,	29 90	
" " care of house,	14 00	
" " incidentals,	4 58	
Balance on hand,	36 08	
		$321 81

GEO. H. HARRIS, Committee.

SOUTH EAST SCHOOL.

Drawn from the treasury,	$150 00	
Balance from last year,	18 55	
		$168 55

Paid teacher,	$105 00	
" for fuel,	8 00	
" " cleaning school-house,	2 00	
" " ink, crayons and erasers,	3 38	
" " care of school house,	5 00	
" " sending scholars to So. Acton instead of having a school,	20 00	
Balance on hand,	25 17	
		$168 55

W. S. JONES, Committee.

Amount appropriated by the town for schools,	$2500 00	
Income from the State school fund,	177 63	
Income from the dog fund	203 49	
Total,		$2881 12

Number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen, 303. Sum appropriated by the town for each scholar, $8.20.

TABULAR VIEW.

SCHOOLS.		TEACHERS.	Lgth of School in mos	Wages per month.	Whole number scholars	Average No. belonging	Average attendance	No. under 5 y. of age.	No. over 15 y. of age.	No. between 8 and 14.	Number of visits.
		SPRING TERM,									
Centre	Grammar	Miss A C Davis	2¾	$34 00	29	27¼	25+	0	8	21	27
	Primary	" B M Ball	2¾	30 00	35	30	26	0	0	24	72
South	Grammar	" H S Symonds	2½	36 00	37	34¾	29+	0	3	21	8
	Primary	" J M McAlister	2½	36 00	50	47½	43	0	0	34	12
West	Grammar	Mrs M W Going	2¼	34 00	33	33	30	0	1	30	11
	Primary	Miss C L Sweatt	2¼	32 00	43	42⅔	39	3	0	19	25
North		" S A Wetherbee	2½	28 00	21	17½	14⅓	0	0	10	39
East		" F M Hartwell	2¼	30 00	23	21½	19	0	1	16	11
		Totals,	19¾	260 00	271	254 1-6	225⅓	3	13	175	205
		FALL TERM.									
Centre	Grammar	Miss A C Davis	2¾	$34 00	29	26½	25+	0	8	21	29
	Primary	" B MBall	2¾	30 00	27	27	24	0	0	18	93
South	Grammar	" R E Stacy	3	40 00	36	35–	33+	0	12	23	12
	Primary	" J M McAlister	3	36 00	52	50	45 2-3	0	0	36	19
West	Grammar	Mrs M W Going	2¾	34 00	39	37½	30+	0	0	25	45
	Primary	Miss H H Freeman	2¼	32 00	42	42	38–	1	0	21	43
North		" S A Wetherbee	2¼	28 00	23	19	17	0	0	10	20
East		" F M Hartwell	2¼	30 00	26	22½	18	0	0	16	9
		Totals,	21	264 00	274	259½	230	1	20	170	270
		WINTER TERM.									
Centre	Grammar	Mr A N Fuller / Miss Mary Fifield	3	$40 00	37	34¾	32½	0	19	15	28
	Primary	" B M Ball	3	32 00	34	30	26	0	1	21	70
South	Grammar	" R E Stacy	3	40 00	45	42	36	0	18	27	6
	Primary	" J M McAlister	3	36 00	45	44½	37	0	0	33	11
West	Grammar	" E C Gordou	3½	34 00	42	34	30+	0	3	37	37
	Primary	" C L Sweatt	3½	32 00	43	42⅛	37⅓	0	0	21	29
North		Mrs A H Loker	3	34 00	23	22	20–	0	3	12	15
East		Miss E F Estabrook	3	80 00	24	22¾	19	0	0	18	12
South East		" A W Packard	3½	30 00	14	13	12	0	2	10	10
		Totals,	28½	308 00	307	295⅓	299 5-6	0	46	194	218
		Aggregate for year,	69¼	832 00	852	809	755 1-6	4	79	539	683

The average attendance during the year 93⅓ of the average No. belonging to the schools.

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND OTHER OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON,

FROM

FEB. 26. 1880, to FEB. 26, 1881,

INCLUDING THE

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN 1880,

ALSO, THE

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



ACTON:
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1881.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1881.

Town Clerk.

William D. Tuttle.

Selectmen.

D. J. Wetherbee, John White, Phineas Wetherbee.

Assessors.

Wm. D. Tuttle, Phineas Wetherbee, Lucius S. Hosmer.

Overseers of the Poor.

John E. Cutter, Otis H. Forbush, Lyman C. Taylor.

School Committee.

Job W. Dupee, 3 years; Lucy M. Mead, Chas. D. Griggs, 2 years; Luther Conant, George F. Flagg, I. W. Flagg, 1 year.

Highway Surveyors.

Daniel Wetherbee, Chas. Wheeler, Abram H. Jones.

Fence Viewers.

John Fletcher, John R. Houghton, Nahum C. Reed.

Surveyors of Lumber.

Wm. B. Davis, Edward F. Richardson, L. W. Stevens, Geo. H. Harris, Chas. B. Stone, E. J. Robbins, James B. Tuttle.

Surveyors of Wood.

E. J. Robbins, H. D. Parlin, Wm. B. Davis, I. W. Flagg, J. W. Loker, George H. Harris, Chas. B. Stone, Lucius S. Hosmer, Solomon L. Dutton, A. S. Fletcher, James B. Tuttle, Charles H. Taylor.

Cemetery Committee.

John Fletcher, Wm. W. Davis, Joseph F. Cole.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

Paid State Treas. for liquor licenses,	$87 75	
" " " State tax,	1,080 00	
County Treas., County tax,	542 70	
Selectmen's orders,	9,299 62	
Outstanding orders,	999 81	
Balance due the Town Feb. 26, 1881,	1,470 42	
		$13,480 30

CR.

W. S. Jones, unexpended school money,	$25 17	
Liquor licenses.	351 00	
City of Boston, for care F. J. Aiken,	35 36	
State Treas., corporation tax,	727 07	
" " National Bank tax,	545 71	
" " Mass. School Fund,	179 56	
" " State Aid,	96 00	
" " Relief of indigent soldiers,	178 00	
Chas. Wheeler, digging stone near Dutton's	1 50	
T. Hammond, laying sluice,	10 00	
Jos. Cole, lots sold in Mt. Hope Cemetery,	40 00	
John Fletcher, lots sold in Woodlawn "	33 00	
" " wood " " "	1 10	
E. H. Cutler, on account of Town Farm,	55	
Geo. F. Flagg, rent of school rooms,	114 00	
Julian Tuttle, use of Town Hall,	88 75	
County Treasurer, dog fund,	178 67	
Interest on Money in Bank,	42 86	
John E. Cutter, Collector,	10,832 00	
		$13,480 30

J. K. W. WETHERBEE, Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Appropriations and Receipts.

Unexpended balance of last year,	$3,402	32
Regular Town Grant	7,000	00
State Tax,	1,080	00
County "	542	70
Roads,	1,400	00
Schools,	2,500	00
Overlayings,	518	90
Geo. F. Flagg, use of school room, 1879 & 1880,	114	00
W. S. Jones, unexpended school money,	25	17
Licenses,	351	00
City of Boston, for F. J. Aiken,	35	36
Cash State Treas. Corporation Tax,	727	07
National Bank Tax,	545	71
State Aid,	96	00
Soldiers' Aid,	178	00
Chas. Wheeler, digging stone near Dutton's,	1	50
Thomas Hammond, laying sluice,	10	00
Jos. Cole, West Cemetery,	40	00
John Fletcher, Center "	34	10
State Treas. Mass. School Fund	179	56
E. H. Cutler, on account Town Farm,		55
J. K. W. Wetherbee, interest on Town Money,	42	86
J. Tuttle, use of Town Hall & Cellar,	88	75
Dog Fund,	178	67
		$19,092 22

EXPENDITURES.

Support of Schools.

Paid Luther Conant, Center District,	$682 16	
I. W. Flagg, East District,	308 64	
Geo. H. Harris, North District,	308 64	
Mrs. Lucy M. Mead, West "	682 16	
Geo. F. Flagg, South "	682 16	
Chas. D. Greggs, " East "	200 00	
		$2,863 76

Repairs on Town Buildings.

Paid I. W. Flagg, repairs on East School House,	$5 82
D. J. Wetherbee, paint and oil for Town House,	80 85
C. S. Davis, painting Town House,	85 00
" " " " clock faces,	2 00
" " " " flag staff,	1 50
" " " building stage,	6 00
" " " teaming lumber,	1 50
John Fletcher, repairs on vane and clock,	46 86
L. U. Holt, stove South Acton School House,	33 00
L. U. Holt, 75lbs. pipe,	11 25
" " 2 elbows,	30
" " 9 lbs. zinc,	81
" " coal hod,	1 00
" " 7 hooks,	50
D. J. Wetherbee, gilt for Town Clock,	2 00
" " paint for Town House,	6 50
Mrs. Lucy M. Mead, slating black-board, West Acton School House,	12 00
Mrs. Lucy M. Mead, tinting school-room,	7 90

Paid Mrs. Lucy M. Mead, sundry repairs,	11 24	
" " " Holt's bill,	6 05	
" " " chairs, school-room,	1 25	
" " " basement chairs,	1 00	
" " " seven new desks,	22 40	
" " " putting down "	1 30	
" " " curtains for school room,	11 44	
Mrs. Lucy M. Mead, desk book,	1 25	
Chas. Davis, labor on Town House staging,	4 40	
Robert Wayne, " " vane at Town House,	4 40	
		$369 52

Regular Highway Work.

CHARLES WHEELER, SURVEYOR.

For 75 days work, 2.00,	$150 00	
44 1-4 days work, oxen, 1.75,	77 44	
141 1-4 " " horses, 1.00,	141 25	
74 3-4 " " C. H. Wheeler, 1.50,	112 12	
3 3-4 " " J. Priest,	5 63	
13 " 8 1-2 hours, H. Blodgett,	20 77	
1 " work, Allen Smith,	1 50	
47 3-4 " " James Waldron,	71 63	
34 1-4 " " Levi Hobbs,	51 37	
1 1-2 " " John Charter,	2 25	
36 " " Gardner McLaughlin,	53 99	
Silas Conant,	3 90	
17 1-4 " " W. Hussey,	25 88	
3 1-2 " " H. Taylor,	5 25	
13 1-4 " " H. Lewis,	19 87	
13 3-4 " " J. Bell,	20 63	
2 1-2 " " A. Cole, 2.00,	5 00	
Blacksmith's bills, powder, nails and gravel,	21 75	
		$790 23

A. COLE, SURVEYOR.

For 70 3-4 days work, 2.00,		141	50
12 3-4 " " Thos. Cote. 7.00,		89	25
19 1-2 " " E. N. Robbins, 1.50		29	25
13 3-4 " " S. R. Collis,		20	62
3 " " W. Page,		4	50
28 1-4 " " J. Priest.		42	37
9 1-4 " " A. H. Jones,		13	87
3 " " T., J. & W.,		4	50
4 1-2 " " " " oxen, 1.75,		7	87
9 1-4 " " Amos Tuttle, 1.50,		13	87
6 1-4 " " E. O'Neal,		6	37
2 " " H. Conant,		3	00
2 " " " " horse, 1.00		2	00
3 " " Charles Beck, 1.50.		4	50
4 " " " " horse,		4	00
12 3-4 " " H. Turner, 1.50,		19	12
11 1-2 " " A. Turner,		17	25
3 " " L. McLaughlin,		4	50
51 1-2 " " A. Jones' horse, 1.00		51	50
L. Billings and horse. for work,		3	87
Charles Wheeler, for labor,		8	50
J. P. Brown's bill.		3	48
1 Plow 3 days .50.		1	50
1 Pick axe,		1	12
1 Scraper plate,		7	44
1 Pick handle,			25
1 Rake.			67
1 Sledge,		3	00
Gravel for Stow road,		3	00
			$512 67

Support of Poor.

Paid E. H. Cutler, deficiency on Town Farm to April 1880,	$347	89
E. H. Cutler, board and doctor's bill of F. J. Aiken,	37	36

Paid J. E. Cutter,	oxen for Town Farm,	125 00	
" "	support Clara Wheeler,	272 82	
" "	" Henry Jones,	66 01	
" "	" Sarah S. Childs,	13 06	
" "	" Elizabeth Burgendahl,	293 25	
" "	" John Dakin,	12 42	
" "	" Traynor Family,	115 38	
" "	" Redding "	39 13	
" "	" Mrs. M. Pike,	34 00	
" "	robe and burial of Lucy Oliver,	18 06	
" "	burial of Geo. Bullard,	10 00	
" "	" " W. F. B. Whitney's child,	15 00	
" "	medical attendance F. E. Chaffin,	20 00	
" "	aid furnished Ola Nelson,	3 75	
" "	aid furnished Mrs. John Whitney,	20 50	
" "	board & medical attendance Mrs. B. Chaffin,	53 20	
" "	Dr. Hutchins' medical attendance M. Pike, 1879,	8 25	
" "	journey to Taunton,	5 60	
" "	" " Tewksbury,	3 25	
" "	express on bundle for H. Jones,	30	
" "	tax book,	2 00	
" "	printing dog notices,	1 25	
" "	advice on Follard and Bryan case,	2 00	
		———	$1,519 48

Town Debt.

Paid Fredrick Rouillard,	$500 00	
David M. Handley,	500 00	
James E. Billings, note and interest,	1,517 70	
Mary P. Hosmer, " " "	1.029 82	
Geo. H. Harris,	106 23	
I. T. Flagg,	105 30	
Calvin Harris,	202 53	
J. A. Piper,	404 46	
Luther Billings,	202 53	
		$4,568 57

Soldiers' Aid.

John Carroll,	120 00	
Geo. Dole,	48 00	
Wm. F. Wood,	96 00	
Allen G. Smith,	96 00	
Benj. Skinner,	96 00	
George Knights,	8 00	
Wm. F. B. Whitney,	144 00	
Miss R. G. Wright,	48 00	
Mrs. Hattie W. Wilder,	48 00	
		$704 00

Interest on Town Debt.

Paid Mrs. J. K. Putney,	39 00	
Mary P. Hosmer,	60 00	
Fredrick Rouillard,	150 00	
D. J. Wetherbee,	34 52	
I. T. Flagg,	12 00	
Daniel Harris,	48 00	
J. A. Piper,	36 00	
James E. Billings,	117 00	
Calvin Harris,	12 00	
Sarah C. Noyes,	48 00	
Thomas P. Noyes,	24 00	
Luther Billings,	24 00	
Joseph Barker,	30 00	
		$634 52

Town Officers.

Paid F. P. Wood, Supt. Schools 1879--80,	45 00	
" " " "	45 00	
" " " " 1880–81,	45 00	
L. U. Holt, sealer of weights and measures, to Apr '80.	10 00	
Phineas Wetherbee, Assessor,	25 00	
A. C. Handley, "	21 50	
Wm. D. Tuttle, "	30 00	
" " Town Clerk,	25 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, Town Treas.,	25 00	
Phineas Wetherbee, Selectman,	40 00	
John White, "	45 00	
D. J. Wetherbee, "	70 00	
		$426 50

Printing.

Paid C. W. Leach, Selectmen's reports,	12 50	
" " Town warrants,	1 50	
" " 525 Town reports,	56 00	
" " 12 Warrants.	1 50	
" " 500 Orders,	1 50	
" " 200 Cemetery deeds,	5 50	
" " Posters,	1 50	
" " Stationery & printing,	3 50	
		$83 50

Cemetery Expenses.

Paid John Fletcher, trees for Woodlawn,	6 00	
J. F. Cole, posts for Woodlawn,	6 00	
" " lock " "	25	
J. Fletcher, work in Woodlawn and Mt. Hope Cemeteries,	7 85	
" " labor in Woodlawn,	36 25	
J. F. Cole, " " Mt. Hope,	40 50	
" " 150 posts,	6 00	
Luke Smith, mowing brush in North Cemetery,	8 00	
" " setting post, Woodlawn,	2 00	
		$112 85

Miscellaneous.

Paid for rope for monument,	$ 83
John Fletcher, work on monument,	75
" " Town Seal,	5 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, admr. estate F. Dwight, attending burials,	36 30
J. K. W. Wetherbee, admr. estate F. Dwight, coffin & robe B. Chaffin,	13 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee admr. estate F. Dwight, collecting taxes,	45 00
Phineas Wetherbee, book for valuation use of State,	5 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, copying tax-book,	5 00
John Fletcher, block to flag-staff on monument,	1 00
Chas. Wheeler, railing bridge at H. Smith's mill,	15 60
Chas. Wheeler, repairs on bridge at I. W. Flagg's	16 78
Waldo Littlefield, painting hearse,	20 00
A. C. Handley, 3 tax books,	1 50
Henry Haynes, breaking roads, 1879,	11 55
A. H. Jones, breaking roads and repairs, 1879,	12 65
D. J. Wetherbee, license blanks,	50
" " engraving powder horn,	1 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, abatement of taxes in 1878 & 1879,	69 58
Julian Tuttle, opening Town Hall 20 times,	19 50
" " opening selectmen's room 11 times,	2 75
" " care clock 15 months,	12 50
" " cleaning clock,	2 00
" " " cellar,	75

Paid Julian Tuttle, sawing wood,		50	
" " oil,	8	49	
" " wicks,		15	
" " lamp,		90	
" " matches,		25	
" " repairs on cellar door and settees,	4	00	
" " cleaning small clock,		80	
" " 2 springs Town clock,	2	00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, printing notices,	1	00	
" " express public documents, books &c.,	2	20	
" " laying out lots in Cemeteries,	3	50	
" " blanks for dog licenses	1	40	
" " journey to Concord to make returns,	1	50	
" " journey to Boston, respt. State tax,	2	00	
" " recording 18 marriages,	2	70	
" " " 28 deaths,	4	80	
" " collecting & recording 28 births,	14	00	
" " postage & stationery,	1	56	
L. E. Reed, attending 14 burials,	42	00	
" " making 11 death returns,	2	75	
J. E. Cutter, discount on taxes, 1880,	717	13	
E. Hall & Son, plank for sluice,	3	40	
" " labor and nails,		50	
			$1,116 07

Receipts from February 26, 1880, to February 26, 1881.

Unexpended balance as per report of Feb. 26, 1880.	$3,402 32	
Appropriations and receipts,	15,689 90	
		$19,092 22

Expenditures.

Support of Schools,	$2,863 76	
Repairs of Town buildings,	369 52	
Regular Highway work,	1.302 90	
Support of Poor,	1,519 48	
Town Debts.	4,568 57	
Soldiers' Aid,	704 00	
Interest on Notes,	634 52	
Town Officers.	426 50	
Printing,	83 50	
Cemetery Expenses,	112 85	
Miscellaneous,	1,116 07	
State Tax,	1,080 00	
County Tax,	542 70	
State Treas., liquor licenses,	87 75	
		$15,412 12
Bal. in Col & Treas. hands, Feb. 26, '81.		$3.680 10

Town Debt. Notes.

Daniel Harris,	$819 33	
D J. Wetherbee.	595 41	
David M. Handley.	2.042 50	
Fredrick Rouillard,	2,101 16	
James E. Billings,	1,994 75	
Luther Billings	203 00	
Mrs. J. K. Putney.	686 94	
Joseph Barker,	501 08	
J. A. Piper,	205 00	
Sarah C. Noyes,	800 00	
Thomas P. Noyes,	400 00	
		$10.349 17
Amount due from Soldiers' Aid,	$352 00	
" " " Treas. & Collector,	3.680 10	
		$4,032 10
Balance against the Town,		$6.317 07

D. J. WETHERBEE,
JOHN WHITE,
P. WETHERBEE,
} Selectmen of Acton.

Acton, Feb. 26, 1881.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

FOR 1880.

Births in Acton in 1880.

No.	Date of birth.	Name of child.	Names of parents.
1.	Jan. 1,	Hannah Louise Beck,	daughter of Chas. L. and Lulu A. Beck.
2.	Jan. 15,	Dora Etta Owens,	daughter of Thomas P. and Eliza J. Owens.
3.	Jan. 18,	Alice Mabel Teele,	daughter of Charles H. and Estelle I. Teele.
4.	Jan. 22,	Mary O. Conners,	daughter of Maurice and Honora Conners.
5.	Jan. 17,	George Albert Dockendorff,	son of Jacob and Martha A. Dockendorff.
6.	Jan. 7,	Frank Harrison,	son of Henry and Eliza Harrison.
7.	Feb. 28,	Minnie Mabel Haynes,	daughter of Sylvester and Eliza W. Haynes.
8.	Mar. 1,	Albert Edward Willis,	son of William W. and Elizabeth Willis.
9.	Mar. 16,	Edward Dion,	son of Agistes and Emma Dion.
10.	April 17,	James Quinlan,	son of John and Julia Quinlan.
11.	April 24,	Alice Crane Haskins,	daughter of John R. and Helen A. Haskins.
12.	May 22,	Roscoe Hosmer Knowlton,	son of Frank R. and Emma S. Knowlton.
13.	May 26,	Francis Victor D. Nelson,	son of Oscar P. and Mary Ann Nelson.
14.	May 27,	Fanny Louise Rich,	daughter of Edward S. and Mary Alice Rich.

15. June 7, Eva Sawyer, daughter of Thomas J. and Kate Sawyer.
16. June 8, Guy Ernest Tuttle, son of Amos S. and Amy M. Tuttle.
17. June 27, George Morton Guilford, son of Samuel A. and Nellie M. Guilford.
18. July 17, Millicent Mamie Edwards, daughter of Alfred J. and Rhoda Edwards.
19. Aug. 3, Grace Alice Hayward, daughter of Walter E. and Nettie F. Hayward.
20. Aug. 22, Howard Knowlton Tuttle, son of H. Waldo and Lizzie S Tuttle.
21. Aug. 24, Ernest Hooper, son of Edmund B. and Ella L. Hooper.
22. Sept. 5, Walter S. Jones, son of Wm. S. and Laura A. Jones.
23. Sept. 17. John Edward Cain, son of Edward and Ann Cain.
24. Oct. 4, Albert Ashley Palmer, son of Nathan R. and Abbie M. Palmer.
25. Oct. 12, Clarence Everett Blodgett, son of J. Herbert and Minnie A. Blodgett.
26. Oct. 17, Nellie Maria Scanlan, daughter of Thomas and Maria C. Scanlan.
27. Nov. 2, Luther Warren Piper, son of Anson C. and Ellen L. Piper.

Births not Previously Reported.

28. Mar. 15, 1879, Eva Lina Nelson, daughter of Oscar P. and Mary Ann Nelson.

Marriages Recorded in Acton in 1880.

No.	Date of Marriage.	Names and residences of parties.
1.	Jan. 20,	Mr. Joseph Barker and Miss Harriet Redmile, both of Acton.
2.	Jan. 28,	Mr. Anson C. Piper and Miss Ellen L. Jones, both of Acton.
3.	April 14,	Mr. Francis Conant and Mrs. Ellen J. Marshall, both of Acton.
4.	April 17,	Mr. Benjamin Skinner and Mrs. Georgie Anna Du Bois, both of Acton.

5. May 16, Mr. William Wheeler and Mrs. Louisa M. Smith, both of Acton.
6. June 1, Mr. William C. Closeman and Miss Catherine Dawson, both of Maynard.
7. June 26, Mr. John F. Nickless of Acton, and Miss Anna C. Currier of Lowell.
8. July 7, Mr. Chas. Griffin of Greenwich, N. Y., and Miss Kate C. Houghton of Acton
9. July 17, Mr. Robert P. Burroughs and Miss Ella S. Teele, both of Acton.
10. Sept. 7, Mr. Joseph Noyes of Acton, and Mrs. Maria T. Jones of Hyde Park.
11. Sept. 22, Mr. Octavus A. Knowlton and Miss Etta L. Houghton, both of Acton.
12. Sept. 22, Mr. Moses A. Reed of Acton, and Miss Ellen A. McDaniels of East Dorset, Vt.
13. Oct. 3, Mr. George H. Harris of Acton, and Miss Sarah Addie Heald of Carlisle.
14 Sept. 23, Mr. Edwin W. Taylor of Acton, and Miss Flora A. Hussey of Littleton.
15. Oct. 14, Mr. Cyrus L. Angier of Acton, and Miss Maggie A. Rickerbey of St. Johnsbury, Vt.
16. Nov. 4, Mr. George W. Worster of Acton, and Miss Mary E. Sherman of Maynard.
17. Nov. 14, Mr. Eri S. Brooks and Miss Susie A. Batchelder, both of Acton.
18. Nov. 25, Mr Arthur A. Jones and Miss Mary F. Clark, both of Acton.

Deaths Registered in Acton in 1880.

No. Date of Death. Names and Ages of Deceased.

1. Jan. 6, Mr. William Davis, aged 89 years, 3 months, 27 days.
2. Jan. 18, a daughter of Loren C. and Ella S. Baldwin, aged 1 day.
3. Feb. 6, Mr. Eben Macauley, aged 28 years, 4 days.
4. Feb. 7, Mr. John DuBois, aged 51 years, 11 months, 7 days.
5. Feb. 14, Mr. Ebenezer Wood, aged 87 years, 8 months, 14 days.

6. Feb. 17, Mr. James F. Greenwood, aged 28 years, 2 months, 14 days.
7. Feb. 23, Ella A., daughter of Jacob and Adaline A. Priest, aged 5 years, 1 month, 9 days.
8. Feb. 27, Mr. Geo. W. Knights, aged 46 years, 6 months.
9. Mar. 19, Mr. Peter Tenney, aged 81 years, 2 months, 15 days.
10. Mar. 25, Col. Winthrop E. Faulkner, aged 74 years, 11 months, 9 days.
11. Mar. 31, Mrs. Louisa, wife of Benjamin C. Baldwin, aged 59 years, 9 months.
12. April 3, Mr. Jonathan Wheeler, aged 89 years, 4 months, 5 days.
13. April 7, Mr. Willard C. Lane, aged 81 years.
14. April 13, Mrs. Betsey Chaffin, aged 87 years, 9 months, 17 days.
15. April 24, Mrs. Marietta C., wife of Charles B. Stone, aged 30 years, 3 months, 24 days.
16. May 9, Mrs. Ruth Hager, aged 91 years, 5 months, 1 day.
17. May 27, Mr. Francis Dwight, aged 64 years, 10 months, 7 days.
18. June 10, Bernard A., son of Herbert E. and Sophia E. Preston, aged 5 years, 8 months, 3 days.
19. June 18, Mr. John Erwin Fletcher, aged 38 years, 1 month, 25 days.
20. July 6, Miss Florence K. Jones, aged 23 years, 9 months, 20 days.
21. Aug. 10, Mrs. Lucy Noyes, aged 66 years.
22. Aug. 14, Mrs. Sarah Girard, aged 50 years, 26 days.
23. Aug. 18, Mr. Richard Kinsley, aged 56 years, 7 months, 19 days.
24. Sept. 12, Ernest, son of Robert and Maria Hart, aged 10 months, 21 days.
25. Oct. 2, Frank H., son of James E. and Tamson Billings, aged 13 years.
26. Nov. 14, Mr. John H. Quirk, aged 25 years, 11 months, 21 days.
27. Nov. 29, Mrs. Eliza Poultney, aged 34 years, 6 months, 6 days.
28. Dec. 1, Mr. Henry W. Richardson, aged 30 years, 2 months, 1 day.

Names of Persons in Acton having Dogs Licensed in 1880.

Chas. H. Conant,
Otis H. Forbush,
Jeremy Austin,
Joseph Wheeler,
Elbridge J. Robbins,
M. Augusta Hosmer,
Luther Conant,
Daniel Harris,
Alonzo L. Tuttle,
Elnathan Jones,
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 3,
H. Waldo Tuttle,
Theron F. Newton,
Lucius S. Hosmer,
Daniel Tuttle,
Francis Conant,
Louis E. Allen,
Chas. Morris,
Moses Taylor,
A. B. Brown,
Taylor Bros. & Co., 2,
George C. Wright,
John R. Houghton,
Chas. J. Williams,
Cyrus Hayward,
Frank Wetherbee,
Henry W. Richardson,
George W. Livermore,
Chas. L. Beck,

Charles H. Snow,
Joseph W. Wherren,
Francis Dwight,
Sylvester Haynes,
Jerry H. McCarty,
Moses A Reed,
Solon A. Robbins,
Chas. D. Griggs,
Winsor Pratt.
Chas. H. Handley,
E. F. Fuller,
George C. Conant,
John Kelly,
Chas. A. Harrington,
Levi Houghton,
Eri S. Brooks,
A. Lucian Noyes,
James D. Coburn,
Moses E. Taylor,
Walter A. Gilmore,
Gustavus H. Waugh,
George Conant,
Hanson A. Littlefield,
Henry Haynes,
James Hannon,
Nathan K. Johnson,
A. J. Willis,
Chas. Holton,
Frank Pratt,
J. A. Houston,

Anson C. Piper,
George V. Mead,
Danie F. Hayward,
John W. Charter,
Henry Bohannon,
John Fletcher,
Isaiah S. Leach,
Edwin Tarbell,
John Temple,
Lester Fletcher,
J. C. Wheeler,
Willis L. Mead,
Albert Moulton,
Augustus Fletcher,
John Welch,
Isaac Barker,
Warren Mansfield,
Chas. Wheeler,
George W. Knowlton, 2,
Myron F. Going,
George Pratt, 2,
Henry Hanson,
George R. Keyes,
N. R. Palmer,
Forbush & Hartwell,
John D. Moulton,
Edward O'Neil,
J. E. Reed,
Geo. H. Shapley,
Patrick Gallagher.

89	Males at $2.00,	$178.00
5	Females, at $5.00,	25.00
Total, 94		$203.00

WM. D. TUTTLE, Town Clerk.

ACTON, March 1, 1881.

REPORT OF THE
RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES
OF THE
ALMSHOUSE IN ACTON,
For the Year Ending April 1, 1881.

ARTICLES ON HAND APRIL 1st, 1881.

12 cows,	$480 00	37 hens,	$18 50
1 horse,	60 00	12 cds. wood cut for use,	54 00
7 1-2 tons hay,	145 00	12 market boxes,	1 20
1 1-2 " oat fodder,	22 50	40 barrels,	4 00
800 lbs. meal,	10 00	Lumber,	3 00
1100 " cotton seed,	14 30	Flour,	75
2 tons shorts,	40 00	Crackers,	20
Bags,	3 50	2 lbs sugar,	20
10 lights of glass,	40	Spices,	50
2 cider barrels,	2 00	Tea,	87
Potatoes,	5 00	Coffee,	35
325 lbs. pork,	35 00	Molasses,	80
50 " lard,	5 50	Rye meal,	1 00
100 " ham,	12 00	2 dozen eggs,	40
12 " butter,	3 72	Dried apple,	70
Mackerel,	50	1-2 bushel beans,	1 00
3-4 bbl. of soap,	2 50	Salt,	20
Pickled pigs head & feet,	2 00	1-4 gross matches,	58
Beets,	1 00	Oil,	14
2 gallons boiled cider,	75		
2 bbls. of apples,	3 00		$937 06

RECEIPTS FROM TOWN FARM 1880–81.

Received for potatoes,	$14 31	Received for milk,	814 30
calves,	17 95	eggs,	5 44
cows,	177 00	berries,	3 77
oxen,	130 00	apples,	349 25
use of oxen,	7 00		
" wagon,	1 75		$1,524 61
bed,	3 84		

Expenses.

Paid for crackers,	$16 67	Paid for grass seed,	$4 43
cheese,	9 69	filing saw,	40
butter,	55 24	rep. rigging and cultivator,	2 05
oil,	4 80	plaster,	1 40
sugar,	17 56	garden seeds,	78
molasses,	19 92	liniment,	90
coffee,	3 35	vinegar,	1 10
rye meal,	2 41	snuff,	20
tea,	6 90	sulphur,	51
flour,	61 50	saltpetre,	32
beans,	10 18	beeswax,	17
tobacco,	2 00	tomatoes,	25
cream tartar,	2 28	cattle cards,	32
meat,	80 13	shovel,	90
fish,	7 59	pork barrels,	1 87
saleratus,	2 24	horse blanket,	1 25
salt,	5 50	harness,	30 00
starch,	49	horse rake,	25 00
yeast cakes,	58	apple header,	1 00
hops and malt,	71	grindstone and gearing,	4 13
soap,	13 22	scythe snath,	75
baskets,	1 06	scythes,	1 55
brooms,	2 50	forks,	2 60
thread	50	bog hoe,	1 17
pails,	1 72	ladders,	6 02
tin ware,	1 18	hammer,	1 00
rep. tin ware,	65	saw,	75
" shoes,	28	clothes pins,	12
" roof, chimney, &c.,	3 70	fly paper,	25
" pumps,	3 00	wash board,	37
oyster shells,	12	cloths and clothing,	10 98
paris green,	30	mittens,	1 22
bristol brick,	10	socks,	1 44
spittoon,	35	yarn,	1 29
wheel grease,	20	wicks,	05
phosphate,	10 66	crockery,	2 28
grain,	391 83	spices,	2 30
cows,	218 00		
pig,	15 00		

Paid for oxen,	$125 00	Paid for matches,	$1 16
pasturing cows,	10 00	rice,	45
use of bull,	6 00	raisins,	47
butchering,	2 50	herbs,	35
lanterns,	1 34	onions,	45
axe helve,	25	Dr. Sanders bill,	7 45
stove polish,	08	lumber, nails, zinc, & labor rep. barn,	74 66
labor,	141 10	services of J. Austin & wife,	200 00
blacksmith bill,	29 68	services of J. E. Cutter,	40 00
barrels,	55 51	John White,	10 00
glass,	75	Frank Hosmer,	10 00
tacks,	15		
shoes,	3 15		
ropes,	73		
sick chair,	1 75		
wash tub,	1 25		

Total amount of Expenditures,		$1,809 46
" " " Receipts,		1,524 61
Drawn from Treasury to balance accounts,		$284 85
" " " " pay for Oxen,		125 00
Income less than Expenditures,		$409 85
Interest on Farm,	$240 00	
Drawn from Treasury,	409 85	
		$649 85
Victualing 54 Tramps at 40 cents,		21 60
Cost of supporting Poor on Farm,		$628 25

Whole number of persons, exclusive of tramps, supported in Almshouse, 7; average number, 6; present number, 7.

JOHN E. CUTTER,
JOHN WHITE,
FRANK HOSMER,
} Overseers of Poor.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Acton:—

The School Committee respectfully submit the following report:

In compliance with your instructions we elected at the beginning of the official year, a Superintendent of Schools and herewith present his detailed report of the condition of the schools and of everything pertaining to the educational work of the town.

The following statement indicates the disposal which we have made of the funds, committed to our care. On account of the interruption of schools by sickness there is quite an unexpended balance in two of the accounts which the Committee will apply to increase school privileges next year.

WEST SCHOOL.

Mrs. Lucy M. Mead, Agent.

Drawn from the treasury,	$682 16	
Balance from last year,	29 57	
		$711 73
Paid to teachers,	$512 00	
for fuel and preparing it,	92 28	
care of house and furnace,	45 00	
incidentals,	2 88	
organ,	2 00	
Balance on hand,	57 57	
		$711 73

NORTH SCHOOL.

GEO. H. HARRIS, Agent.

Drawn from the treasury,	$308 64	
Balance from last year,	36 08	
		$344 72
Paid to teachers,	$246 00	
for fuel,	35 40	
care of house,	14 00	
incidentals,	4 91	
Balance on hand,	44 41	
		$344 72

EAST SCHOOL.

I. W. FLAGG, Agent.

Drawn from the treasury,	$308 64	
Balance from last year,	33 87	
		$842 51
Paid to teacher,	$270 00	
for fuel,	37 62	
care of house,	16 00	
incidentals,	6 84	
Balance on hand,	12 05	
		$342 51

SOUTH SCHOOL.

GEORGE F. FLAGG, Agent.

Drawn from the treasury,	$682 16	
Received from town of Stow,	8 00	
		$690 16
Paid to teachers,	$570 00	
for fuel and preparing it,	30 50	
care of house,	55 00	
incidentals,	23 20	
Deficiency on last year's account,	39	
Cash in the treasury,	11 07	
		$690 16

CENTER SCHOOL.

LUTHER CONANT, Agent.

Drawn from the treasury,	$682 16	
Balance from last year,	8 70	
		$690 86
Paid to teachers,	$567 00	
for care of house,	31 50	
books and other incidentals,	7 48	
fuel and preparing it,	67 63	
To be paid to music teacher,	15 00	
Cash on hand,	2 25	
		$690 86

SOUTH EAST SCHOOL.

C. D. GRIGGS, Agent.

Drawn from the treasury,	$200 00	
Deficiency,	12 18	
		$212 18
Paid to teachers,	$188 00	
for fuel,	19 00	
care of house,	2 00	
incidentals,	3 18	
		$212 18
Amount raised by the town for schools,	$2,500 00	
Income from the State school fund,	179 56	
" " dog fund,	178 67	
Total,		$2,858 23

Number of children between the ages of five and fifteen, 297. Sum raised by the town for each, $8.41–.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER CONANT,
I. W. FLAGG,
G. H. HARRIS,
G. F. FLAGG,
LUCY M. MEAD,
C. D. GRIGGS,
} School Committee of Acton.

Superintendent's Report.

It is one of the requirements of the statutes of the State, that the School Committee, or a Superintendent of Schools, acting for them, shall present annually, for the consideration of the citizens of each town, a report, not only of the disposal of the educational funds, but also an account of the condition of the several schools, and of the general work of school management with which the committee is charged, and it is, in accordance with this wise provision, that the following pages are now laid before the public.

In what we here present, we strive not so much to set forth the details of our school work during the past year, as to give to the people an idea of the aims which we have had before us and the aspirations, by which we are inspired, in what we propose to ourselves in the future, and we wish we might so express ourselves that all our citizens may be led to share in our enthusiasm respecting the importance of this work; for this in relation to all our citizens is by far the most important work with which the town, in its corporate capacity, is charged.

What is this work? We answer: It is nothing short of this,—to make what all thoughtful men confess to be man's greatest boon, viz.: knowledge, the common bounty of all—it is to make it possible for every man's child, however poor and ignorant the man may be himself, to receive the rudiments of learning with which he may unlock for himself treasuries of unknown wealth and which may be to him a passport to the same avenues of respectability and honor which, in less favored countries, are the exclusive possession of the rich and of the noble by birth.

In this department of municipal work, it is not only our aim to make the acquisition of knowledge a possibility to all,

if they are inclined to strive for it, but to impart knowledge in the most effective way; to awaken a desire for it in the minds of young persons who lack stimulating influences at home and to make these schools in every respect, to every family of our town, what expensive institutes of learning have been in the past to the few who could afford to avail themselves of their advantages.

This is the grand aim which we keep constantly before us in our exertions for the advancement of the interests of this work and it is an aim which brings to us at least very much of the highest and purest inspiration. This is a communism of the most philanthropic and practical sort, for it is making common to all what, adroitness, and greed on the one hand and the opposite qualities on the other, can not soon make to revert to the favored few. But, how to realize to the fullest extent the high aim, just set forth, is the question, which we are ever striving to solve, and, as we trust, not without some encouraging indications, if not of a complete, yet of a quite satisfying result.

Modern science, in these last years, has done very much to simplify processes, in the management of material forces, and in the construction of the implements of art and of industry from the raw materials, but, until quite recently, the methods of mental development in the young and the general work of school management have undergone but little modification. The prevailing idea has seemed to be that there is no royal road to learning, that the old ways are the best and the only ones. But, within the last ten years, a great change has come over everything pertaining to educational affairs, and there is as much difference between the general appearance and efficiency of our schools today and what they were only ten years ago, as there is between a plow of the most approved style now and what the plow was in general use even fifty years ago.

By the old methods of instruction, the reliance for suc-

cess was upon the impression which the printed page could make upon the pupil's memories, by a bare strain. Anything like the cultivation of originality of thought or expression, in the pupils, was a thing unthought of in our common schools; and, in the discipline of schools, the principal element of influence was that of fear, and what scenes of violence did the walls of many of the school-rooms, of not a very remote period, witness! What ingenious methods of torture and humiliation were practiced upon children and youth who were capable of responding to high and noble motives had they been properly treated, but whose dispositions received permanent injury from injudicious treatment, in the way of discipline, both at their homes and at school! But to-day there is not a faculty of the child's nature that is not the object of the educator's study; there is not a sense in the child's possession but the ingenious teacher finds it and makes it an ally in his work, so that, under the present regime, it may be said of wisdom (even with a limited application), "Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace." The force of the last part of this quotation appears from the fact that, now, such a thing as corporal punishment is almost unknown in our schools. In our last report we described so fully the methods of instruction which we were endeavoring to have practiced by our teachers that we will not refer to that topic here

A general survey of the year's work gives us much satisfaction, not simply from the impression which it makes upon us of work done, but also from the encouragement which it affords us, as to the future. It has been with us, in the past, a serious question, whether, with our necessarily limited funds, we would be able to make our schools compare at all, in efficiency, with the schools of the more densely populated and more wealthy portions of the State; whether with an appropriation of a little more than eight dollars per scholar and with a scattered population so that anything like a systematic grad-

ing is impossible we could produce anything like the results which appear in towns able to appropriate nearly three times eight dollars per scholar, and with a population so situated that the most methodical grading is feasible. But the success, already attained, encourages us to believe that, with a careful supervision, with competent resident teachers, and with the moderate additions to our school funds that the town soon will be in a condition to make, we may hope to extend to all our pupils, as good a preparation for the ordinary PRACTICAL DUTIES of life as can be secured to them anywhere in the commonwealth.

A judicious supervision can greatly assist some teachers who, without it, would be quite inefficient; in every community there is good teaching talent, which, with a prospect of preference in patronage, will be developed and which can be secured to the schools with a permanence and at an expense which will be of great advantage to the town, and even the inability to grade our schools perfectly is not an unmitigated disadvantage. In an ungraded school, if the enthusiasm is what it ought to be, the younger pupils will learn much from the older ones, when they tire of their own pursuits, and thus, unconsciously to themselves they will be prepared to pass from the lower classes into the higher, with less abruptness, than is possible in perfectly graded schools, so that, with all our disadvantages, we are not sure but we may bring forward our pupils so that when they attain the age of fourteen years, they may be on a fair average with the pupils of the same age of our cities and large towns.

This is our hope and it is for this that we are encouraged to strive. But when citizens attempt to criticize us and feel it their duty to set forth the faults of our schools, all of which they may be justified in doing, we ask them, in simple justice to us, to take into consideration the difficulties with which we are obliged to contend, and to mete out praise, so far as it is

merited in the same measure that they set forth our defects, and be ready not simply to find fault, but to assist in removing the causes of failure by voting for increased appropriations for school purposes and by earnest co-operation in every effort which promises to add to the efficiency of the schools.

During the last term, we have made changes in the text books of Arithmetic and of spelling; substituting the Franklin Series in the former and the Swinton Word Book in the latter; we have also introduced the Dinsmore Spelling Blanks, and these changes promise to be a substantial benefit to the schools. The most perfect efficiency of some of our schools has been somewhat impaired by defective heating arrangements, a difficulty, which we trust, will be obviated before another winter. We hope, too, that better provisions will be made for ventilating the school-rooms. Teachers too often open windows and expose the children to drafts of air. Boards should be so arranged against the lower window sashes that this danger will be avoided.

We consider it very important that the out-buildings of our school-houses shall be properly cleansed every spring and that they be so thoroughly white-washed that every mark which might make an injurious impression upon the minds of the young shall be obliterated. Too much care can not be exercised in this respect. Unless constant vigilance is used, in this direction, some of the objections which have been made to our system of common schools, on moral grounds, will prove to be well founded.

Every educator ought to bear it constantly in mind that he is charged with the care of certain young persons, not only as regards their mental training, but in every respect, and any system of school management which leaves out the physical and moral elements is, in our opinion, fatally defective.

Certain of our schools have suffered from the lack of adequate supplies, in some cases wanting such necessary articles

as erasers. A teacher, like any artisan, in order to the most perfect success, must have tools,—good ones, and the best that the market affords.

We will suggest that, in addition to our regular grant, the town appropriate, for the INCIDENTAL USES of our schools one hundred and fifty dollars, to be divided in the same proportions as the other school funds.

But, without further general remarks, we proceed to a brief review of each school.

WEST GRAMMAR.

The Spring term was taught by Miss Olive A. Prescott, an experienced teacher, and a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal School. Miss P. manifested natural and acquired qualifications for the teacher's vocation which very few of our instructors are so fortunate as to possess. She was genial in her manners, winning every heart by her gentle ways. She was methodical and forcible in her methods of teaching and unsparing in her exertions for the good of her school. Indeed, she exerted herself far beyond her strength and beyond what we had any reason to expect of her or any teacher. She produced results fully equal to her endeavors, and we would have considered it a bright prospect for the school, if she could have continued as its head, but, after the service of one term, being offered a more advantageous position, she resigned.

The Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss Ida J. Barker, who was also a graduate of the Bridgewater Normal School and of considerable experience in the management of public schools. Miss B.'s methods of teaching were excellent and she showed satisfactory results from her work, though she found the discipline of the school somewhat difficult. Considering everything we think this teacher did well and is worthy of high commendation.

West Primary.

This school was taught throughout the year by Miss Mabel Lewis, a teacher who has been very successful in another town. She spared no pains to make her school a success,—she was, if possible, too anxious to reach the best results, and we consider her one of the very best instructors that this school has had during the last ten years. We think she was well liked by all the pupils and by the parents, and that all concerned were well satisfied with her work.

South Grammar.

This school has continued under the care of Miss R. E. Stacy who received a favorable mention in our last report. The number of pupils here is not so large as it has been in the past, and this fact, during the last term, conduced somewhat to the scholars' success, as it has lost some of its most troublesome element. During the last year, this has been one of the pleasantest schools in town and has been so well conducted that it has shown excellent results, fully equal, taking everything into account, to any school in town. The good influence of the teacher is developing a class of young people which gives promise of a high degree of excellence in every respect. The school is creditable to the village and to the town.

South Primary.

Miss J. M. McAlister has continued in charge of this school during the year, and the pupils have shown a good degree of improvement in almost every particular The teacher has introduced some pleasing motion songs and has mingled the boys and girls in the seats over the room, has interested the pupils in writing and has adopted other expedients which have been of great advantage to the school. The scholars still seem somewhat backward in reading and we recommend that special attention be given to this most important branch during the coming year.

Center Grammar.

Miss A. C. Davis, who has been commended in more of our reports than any other person, now upon our corps of teachers, has continued to do excellent work in this school, throughout the year. This is now the most advanced school in town and presents a good illustration of the extent to which the educational force of even a Grammar school can be developed by a well qualified teacher. We would not hesitate to have the pupils of this school compared with a similar number of the same ages from any public school in the State. We are sorry to lose Miss D.'s services from this school, but are glad to know that she is to continue in the service of the town. We doubt not she will have a similar success in her new field to that which has attended her efforts in the one she has left.

Center Primary.

This has continued to be, in our opinion, the model primary school in the town, under the charge of the same teacher, Miss B. M. Ball. We think this school is managed in such a way that little is lacking that can be desired in a primary school. The general principles of school work which we have set forth in the early part of this report are well carried out here, and, if any citizen wishes to know what our ideas of good teaching are, let him spend a half day in this school. Here is something, not in theory, on paper, or in a large town or city where the conditions are altogether different from our own, but here is the right sort of a school, in actual operation, in our midst. Perhaps it is more than we have the right to expect that all teachers will be able to manage their schools in a similar way to this, or that they will secure the same results, for very few have Miss B.'s natural fitness for the work; but the existence of such a school in the town, taught term after term by one of our own residents, is of very great advantage to all our educational work.

East School.

This school has been taught the whole year by Miss S. A. Wetherbee and has been a complete success. We consider Miss W.'s moral influence over her pupils worthy of the highest commendation. She has the full confidence of both parents and scholars and has not been excelled in real efficiency by any teacher that has had charge of the school during the last ten years.

North School.

The Spring term was taught by Mrs. A. H. Loker who has been mentioned most favorably in many of our previous reports. Mrs L., during a part of the term, labored under some disadvantage from impaired health, but in spite of that, at the end of the term, manifested the usual good results of her earnest and well-planned work.

The Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss E. F. Estabrook who was mentioned in a commendatory way in our last report, in connection with another school. Miss E., like several of our other teachers, has the happy faculty of managing her schools without a resort to physical force. The school has suffered in its numbers by removals from town, and by sickness of scholars, but is well sustained by the citizens of the community and for the few children who are now pupils, is doing a good work.

South East School.

This school has been kept in operation during the whole year. The Spring and Fall terms were taught by Miss N. G. Richardson and the Winter term by Miss E. E. Tuttle. Both of these teachers found here their first experience in the management of schools; but both did a good work, and the school, considering the number of its pupils and other conditions, showed as good results from the year's work, as almost any school in the town.

Appended are the usual statistical reports.

For the Committee,

FRANKLIN P. WOOD, Superintendent.

ROLL OF HONOR.

NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ABSENT OR TARDY.

On account of the severe storms of the last winter, and of the epidemics which have prevailed in some parts of the town, the number in the list is smaller than it otherwise would have been. It has been suggested that it would be a good idea to make some arrangement that our schools will not be in session on very stormy days or when, because of a drifted condition of the roads, it is difficult for the pupils to reach the schools.

SOUTH GRAMMAR.

One Term.	Two Terms.	Three Terms.
Susie Billings,	Josie Hannon,	Sadie Sawyer,
Emily Hannon,	Eva Shapley,	Etta Temple.
Carrie Hayward,	Carrie Shapley.	
Susie Pond,		
Mabel Richardson,		
Harry Fletcher,		
Hiram Gates.		

SOUTH PRIMARY.

One Term.	Two Terms.	Three Terms.
Nellie Callanane,	Mamie May,	Ada M. Jones,
Jessie Currie,	Lillian Richardson.	Clara F. Leach.
Bertie M. Jones,		
Evie Page,		
Lottie Page,		
Carrie Page,		
Freddie Fletcher,		
Charlie Hapgood,		
Lutie E. Hosmer,		
Frank Wherren,		
Charlie F. Wherren.		

West Grammar.

One Term.
Walter Gilmore,
Eugene L. Hall,
Willie Hart,
Clesson Parker.

West Primary.

One Term.	Two Terms.	Three Terms.
Mabel Decoster,	Alice J. Stone,	Ida Richardson.
Alice J. Hoar,	Guy Mead,	
Lulu M. Lawrence,	Alfred Richardson.	
Florence Richardson		
Mabel Robinson,		
Bertram Hall,		
Ray Littlefield,		
Albertis Preston,		
Brooks Parker,		
Sumner Teele.		

Center Grammar.

One Term.	Three Terms.
Nellie Lane,	Susie E. Conant,*
Hattie Tuttle,	Carrie A. Lund, †
Lizzie Scofield,	Hattie Lund.
Elbridge R. Conant,	
George S. Lee,	
L. Harry Tuttle.	

Center Primary.

One Term.	Two Terms.	Three Terms.
Lottie G. Conant,	May Caulder,	Charlie Caulder.
Carrie M. Dunn,	S. Maud Purcell,	
Clara L. Hammond,	Grace E. Tuttle, ‡	
Hattie M. Robbins,	Arthur C. Allen,	
Clara B. Robbins,	Luther Conant, jr.	
Warren O. Robbins ‡		
Ollie D. Wood, ‡		

* Not absent or tardy for two years. † Not absent or tardy for three years.
‡ Tardy once.

EAST SCHOOL.

One Term.	Two Terms.
Fred W. Billings,	Bertha M. Hosmer.
Ray G. Brooks,	
Carlton Conant,	
Herbert Robbins,	
Ernest E. Wetherbee	

NORTH SCHOOL.

One Term.	Two Terms.
Edith Flagg,	Hattie Smith,
Annie Ryan,	Augusta Smith.
Mattie F. Smith,	
James Ryan,	
Edward M. Ryan,	
John Ryan.	

SOUTH EAST SCHOOL.

One Term.

Josie Keith,
George Hooper.

The proportion of the average attendance to the number of persons between the ages of 5 and 15 for the State is 70 per cent. Our average is 79 per cent., which is very good. But will not the parents help the children to enlarge the Roll of Honor and raise our average even higher next year?

TABULAR VIEW.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Length of School in months.	Wages per month.	Whole No. Scholars	Average No. belong'g	Average Attendance.	No. under 5 years.	No. over 15 years.	No between 8 and 14.	Number of Visits.
		SPRING TERM.								
Centre Grammar	Miss A. C. Davis	2¾	$34 00	32	26	22.5	0	6	26	56
Centre Primary	" B. M. Ball	2¾	32 00	32	27	25†	2	0	17	75
South Grammar	" R. E. Stacy	2½	40 00	24	22.7	22.3	0	8	12	8
South Primary	" J. M. McAllister	2½	36 00	46	44.75	42	0	0	46	12
West Grammar	" O. A. Prescott	2¼	32 00	38	30†	23	0	4	31	30
West Primary	" B. D. Lewis	2	30 00	42	40.37	37	1	0	14	36
North	Mrs. A. H. Loker	2½	30 00	*21.5	20	19	1	0	12	24
East	Miss S.A.Wetherbee	2½	30 00	24	23	19.8	0	0	19	28
Southeast	" N.G Richardson	2½	20 00	14	12.5	12	1	0	14	9
	Totals.	22¼	284 00	273.5	246.32	222 6	5	18	191	278
		FALL TERM.								
Centre Grammar	Miss A. C. Davis	2¾	$34 00	26	23	19	0	9	15	19
Centre Primary	" B. M. Ball	2¾	32 00	27	24	23	2	0	11	108
South Grammar	" R. E. Stacy	2½	40 00	25	24.3	22.3	0	8	14	13
South Primary	" J. M. McAllister	2½	36 00	51	50	43.3	0	0	51	19
West Grammar	" I. J. Barker	2¾	34 00	35	30†	26	0	4	31	24
West Primary	" B. D. Lewis	2¾	30 00	39	38	36	1	0	11	28
North	" E. F. Estabrook	2½	30 00	21	18	16.5	1	0	9	21
East	" S. A. Wetherbee	2½	30 00	23	22	19.2	0	0	17	13
Southeast	" N.G.Richardson	2¾	24 00	15	11.5	11	0	0	15	22
	Totals.	23¾	290 00	262	240.8	216.3	4	21	174	267
		WINTER TERM.								
Centre Grammar	Miss A. C. Davis	3	$36 00	35	33†	28	0	15	20	18
Centre Primary	" B. M. Ball	3	32 00	29	25	21.5	0	0	20	85
South Grammar	" R. E Stacy	2½	40 00	34	32.6	30.6	0	21	15	17
South Primary	" J. M. McAllister	2½	36 00	42	40	35	0	0	42	19
West Grammar	" I. J. Barker	3	36 00	47	44	40	0	9	25	22
West Primary	" B. D. Lewis	3	32 00	38	36.3	32	0	0	17	26
North	" E. F. Estabrook	3	32 00	16	15	13.8	0	2	12	22
East	" S. A. Wetherbee	3¾	32 00	22	18	15	0	0	15	15
Southeast	" E. E. Tuttle	2¾	24 00	11	10.5	10	0	0	11	36
	Totals.	26½	300 00	274	254.4	225.9	0	47	177	260
	Aggregate for year.	72½	874 00	809.5	741.52	664.8	9	86	542	805

The average attendance during the year 89 5-7 of the average number belonging to the schools.

*One-half day pupil.

Of the above number of visits 99 were by the Superintendent. The Superintendent has held also eighteen half day examinations, at which large numbers have been present.

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND OTHER OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON,

FROM

FEB. 26, 1881, TO FEB. 26, 1882,

INCLUDING THE

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN 1881.

ALSO, THE

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



ACTON:
PRINTED AT THE OFFICE OF THE PATRIOT, SOUTH ACTON.
1882.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1882.

Town Clerk,

WILLIAM D. TUTTLE.

Selectmen,

D. J. WETHERBEE, JOHN WHITE, PHINEAS WETHERBEE.

Assessors,

WM. D. TUTTLE, PHINEAS WETHERBEE, LUCIUS S. HOSMER.

Overseers of the Poor,

ELISHA H. CUTLER, OTIS H. FORBUSH, LUKE BLANCHARD.

School Committee,

GEO. CHANDLER, JOB W. DUPEE, 2 years; LUCY M. MEAD, CHAS. D. GRIGGS, 1 year; two to be chosen at April meeting.

Highway Surveyors,

DANIEL WETHERBEE, CHARLES WHEELER, ABRAM H. JONES.

Fence Viewers,

WM. W. DAVIS, JOHN R. HOUGHTON, NAHUM C. REED.

Surveyors of Lumber,

WM. B. DAVIS, EDWARD F. RICHARDSON, L. W. STEVENS, GEO. H. HARRIS, CHAS. B. STONE, E. J. ROBBINS, JAMES B. TUTTLE.

Surveyors of Wood,

E. J. ROBBINS, H. D. PARLIN, WM. B. DAVIS, I. W. FLAGG, J. W. LOKER, GEO. H. HARRIS, CHAS. B. STONE, LUCIUS S. HOSMER, SOLOMON L. DUTTON, A. S. FLETCHER, JAMES B. TUTTLE, CHARLES H. TAYLOR.

Cemetery Committee,

JOHN FLETCHER, WILLIAM W. DAVIS, JOSEPH F. COLE.

Surveyors of Hoops and Staves,

DAVID M. HANDLEY, AUGUSTUS FLETCHER.

Field Drivers,

CHAS. B. STONE, FRANK W. HOUGHTON, AUSTIN E. LAWRENCE, JAIRUS C. WHEELER, H. B. WHITE, ERI S. BROOKS, OSHA KNOWLTON, GEORGE SMITH.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

Paid State Treasurer, State Tax,	$ 1,080 00	
County " County Tax,	542 70	
Selectmen's orders,	12,738 38	
Outstanding orders,	3,079 07	
Balance due the Town Feb. 26, 1882,	39 08	
		$ 17,479 23

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Balance in Treasury Feb. 26, 1881,	$ 1,470 42	
Received of J. E. Cutter, taxes, 1880,	2,209 68	
" State Treas., Corporation tax,	857 60	
" " " State Aid.	304 00	
" " " Indigent Soldiers,	96 00	
" " " School Fund,	180 21	
" " " National Bank tax,	653 90	
" John Fletcher, stone step,	1 00	
" " " lots sold in Woodlawn Cemetery,	33 00	
" J. E. Cutter, oxen sold at Town Farm,	173 55	
" A. C. Handley, rebate on council fees,	25 00	
" Chas. Wheeler, stone sold,	1 00	
" County Treas., dog fund,	173 95	
" Julian Tuttle, use Town Hall,	68 78	
" J. E Cutter, error discount on taxes, 1880,	15 00	
" J. E. Cutter, Collector,	11,144 41	
Interest on Money in bank,	71 73	
		$ 17,479 23

J. K. W. WETHERBEE, Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.



Appropriations and Receipts.

Unexpended balance of last year,	$3,680	10
Corporation Tax,	857	60
National Bank Tax,	653	90
Aaron C. Handley, rebate on council fees,	25	00
John Fletcher, for Stone Step,	1	00
John E. Cutter, for oxen,	173	55
State Tax,	1,080	00
County Tax,	542	70
Regular Town Grant,	7,000	00
Schools,	3,000	00
Roads,	1,500	00
Overlayings,	277	98
Soldiers' Aid,	304	00
Relief of Indigent Soldiers,	96	00
State Treas. Mass. School Fund,	180	21
" " Dog Fund,	173	95
Interest on money in bank,	71	73
Charles Wheeler, stone sold,	1	00
John Fletcher, lots in Woodlawn Cemetery,	33	00
J. E. Cutter, errors in discount, 1880,	15	00
J. Tuttle, use of Town Hall,	68	78
		$19,735 50

EXPENDITURES.

Support of Schools.

Paid Geo. F. Flagg, South District,	$790 00	
Chas. D. Greggs, South East District,	250 00	
Luther Conant, Centre "	790 00	
J. W. Dupee, North "	350 00	
Lucy M. Mead, West "	790 00	
Geo. Chandler, East "	370 00	
		$3,340 00

Repairs on Town Buildings.

Paid I. W. Flagg, repairs on East School House,	$ 4 02	
Luther Conant, " Centre " House,	28 78	
Geo. H. Harris, " North " House, (1880)	3 25	
Geo. F. Flagg, " South " House,	25 82	
Chas. D. Greggs," " East " House,	5 50	
J. W. Dupee, stove and funnel North School House,	39 80	
J. W. Dupee, repairing chimney,	3 40	
Geo. Chandler, " East School House,	21 43	
Lucy M. Mead, " West " House,	18 75	
		$150 75

Regular Highway Work.

Paid Charles Wheeler,	$662 20	
" " by order County Commissioners,	169 44	
A. H. Jones,	631 52	
" " by order County Commissioners,	122 67	
		$1,585 83

Support of Poor.

Paid J. E. Cutter, for oxen on Town farm,	$173 55		
" " deficiency on Town Farm to April 1, 1881,	159 85		
" " use on Town Farm,	40 00		
" " support Clara Wheeler,	217 41		
" " " Eliza Burgendahl,	178 74		
" " " Kate Bryan,	37 72		
" " " Michael Folland,	54 00		
" " " Mrs. John Whitney,	22 00		
" " " Sarah B. Childs,	13 76		
" " " Traynor Family,	114 49		
" " " Redding "	41 00		
" " " Desmond "	14 10		
" " " Mrs. Small,	55 15		
" " " Mrs. R. B. Adams,	30 00		
			$1,153 77

Printing.

Paid C. W. Leach, 12 Warrants,	$ 1 25		
" " 500 Selectmen's reports,	12 50		
" " 525 Town reports,	56 00		
" " Voting lists,	13 00		
" " Posters,	1 50		
			$84 25

Soldiers' Aid.

Paid John Carroll,	$102 00	
W. I. B. Whitney,	48 00	
Geo. Dole,	44 00	
Benj. Skinner,	70 00	
W. F. Wood,	32 00	
Allen S. Smith,	82 00	
Mrs. R. G. Wright,	48 00	
Mrs. H. W. Wilder,	12 00	
		$438 00

Town Debt Paid.

Paid I. W. Flagg, note Jos. Barker and interest,	$ 524 58	
Sarah C. Noyes, note and interest,	837 46	
Thomas F. " " "	418 73	
D. M. Handley, " "	2,121 66	
Daniel Harris, " "	808 00	
James E. Billings, " "	1,289 00	
		$5,999 43

Interest on Town Debt.

Paid David M. Handley,	$152 25	
Frederick Rouillard,	135 83	
James E. Billings,	45 00	
J. A. Piper,	12 00	
Daniel Harris,	48 00	
D. J. Wetherbee,	34 52	
Mrs. J. K. Putney,	39 00	
Luther Billings,	12 00	
		$478 60

Town Officers.

Paid L. U. Holt, Sealer Weights and Measures,	$ 8 00	
J. E. Cutter, services as Collector, '80,	80 00	
W. D. Tuttle, " " Assessor,	35 00	
Phineas Wetherbee, "	25 00	
Lucius Hosmer, "	20 00	
" " for book,	1 00	
F. P. Wood, Supt. Schools,	45 00	
Phineas Wetherbee, Selectman,	45 00	
John White, "	45 00	
D. J. Wetherbee, "	70 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, Treas,	35 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, Town Clerk,	25 00	
		$434 00

Cemetery Expenses.

Paid John Fletcher, trees Woodlawn,	$21 50	
" " hook and staples,	25	
" " labor,	18 21	
" " " Woodlawn,	44 38	
J. F. Cole, labor Mt. Hope cemetery,	32 25	
		$116 59

Miscellaneous.

Paid Andrew J. Willis, breaking roads,'81,	$ 12 30
Edward Tuttle, use of pump for Centre School,	5 00
Daniel Wetherbee, breaking roads, 1880,	30 76
Abel Cole, breaking roads, 1881,	134 75
James Kinsley, for use of highway for James Hurley,	8 00
Chas. D. Greggs, by order of the town for schools,	25 00
Treasurer of Littleton, for schooling children of Mr. Bulette and Mr. Littlefield,	34 10
Chas. Wheeler, breaking roads, 1881,	143 87
E. B. Forbush, " " "	19 21
A. H. Kimball, road scraper,	170 00
Seth Clapp, for town pump,	10 00
Chas. W. Parker, for Decoration,	50 00
A. C. Handley, council fees on bounty question,	100 00
A. C. Handley, witness fees on bounty question,	63 40
I. W. Flagg, for tile for West Acton sluice,	30 78
J. E. Cutter, abatement of taxes, 1880,	88 56
A. L. Tuttle, in part, for building road,	50 00

Paid Luke Tuttle, journey to Winchester to procure fish,	5 00	
A. H. Jones, labor, lumber and spikes Powder Mill bridge,	95 70	
A. H. Jones, railing roads, lumber and iron,	52 92	
E. F. Conant, land in South Acton,	15 00	
Jerome Sawyer, reward,	100 00	
A. H. Jones. laying wall in S. Acton,	7 25	
Reuben L. Reed, decorating Town Hall.	11 17	
J. E. Cutter. tax book,	2 00	
" " advice,	2 00	
" " posting warrants, 1880,	5 00	
" " notifying town officers take the oath,	2 00	
" " discount on taxes,	658 40	
Julian Tuttle, care Town House and cellar,	43 31	
" " care clock,	10 00	
" " repairs on clock,	2 33	
Phineas Wetherbee, committing Andrew Brella to asylum,	10 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, recording births, marriages and deaths.	22 95	
" " postage and returns,	3 12	
" " express on documents,	1 40	
" " journey to Boston,	1 50	
" " surveying A. L Tuttle's road,	4 75	
" " laying out lots in Woodlawn Cemetery,	3 50	
" " journey to Boston respecting record of soldiers,	1 20	
		$ 2,036 23

Receipts from February 26, 1881, to February 26, 1882.

Unexpended balance as per report of Feb. 26, 1881,	$3,680 10	
Appropriations and receipts,	16 055 40	
		$19,735 50

Expenditures.

Support of Schools,	$3.340 00	
Repairs on Town buildings,	150 75	
Regular Highway work,	1.585 83	
Support of Poor,	1.153 77	
Town Debt,	5.999 43	
Soldiers' Aid.	438 00	
Interest on Notes,	478 60	
Town Officers,	434 00	
Printing,	84 25	
Cemetery Expenses,	116 59	
Miscellaneous,	2,036 23	
State Tax,	1.080 00	
County Tax,	542 70	
		$17.440 15
Bal. in Col. & Treas. hands, Feb. 26, 1882.		$2,295 35

Town Debt. Notes.

J. A. Piper, estate of,	$205 00	
Mrs. J. K. Putney,	686 94	
Luther Billings,	203 00	
Luther Conant,	773 62	
Frederick Rouillard,	2,101 16	
D. J. Wetherbee,	595 41	
		$4,565 13
Amount due from Soldiers' Aid.	219 00	
" " " Collector & Treas.	2.295 35	
		$2.514 35
Balance against the town,		$2,050 78

D. J. WETHERBEE,
JOHN WHITE,
PHINEAS WETHERBEE,
Selectmen of Acton.

ACTON, Feb. 26, 1882.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

FOR 1881.

BIRTHS IN ACTON IN 1881.

No.	Date of birth.	Name of child.	Names of parents.
1.	Jan. 6,	Walter B.,	son of Edwin C. and Hannah H. Parker.
2.	Jan. 19,	Jennie Purner,	daughter of Aaron J. and Mary Eliza Fletcher.
3.	Feb. 25,	Ethel Louise,	daughter of Chas. H. and Fannie A. Taylor.
4.	Mar. 4,	Daniel,	son of Michael and Sarah McCarthy.
5.	Mar. 6,	Annie Louise,	daughter of Jeremiah and Louise Lucius.
6.	Mar. 23,	Chas. Horace,	son of Horace P. and Charlotte A. Potter.
7.	April 2,	Carrie Adelia,	daughter of Hanson A. and Florence M. Littlefield.
8.	April 7,	Minnie Ethel,	daughter of Willis L. and Julia A. Mead.
9.	April 29.	Ellen,	daughter of Michael and Katie Desmond.

10. May 1, Mary Haskell, daughter of Frank B. and Anna E. Lothrop.
11. May 5, Sarah Ingham, daughter of Frank D. and Elizabeth I. Rand.
12. May 19, Howard Lewis, son of Samuel, Jr., and Emma E. Jones.
13. June 1, William Wilbur, son of George S. and Emma F. Jacobs.
14. June 13, Chas. Walton, son of George W. and Angie H Knowlton.
15. June 20, Nellie, daughter of John and Julia May.
16. July 2, Frederic William, son of George William and Alice R. Hunt.
17. July 9 Hannah, daughter of Dennis and Hannah Bradley.
18. July 18, Harry Earle, son of Lorenzo U. and Clara E. Holt.
19. July 21, Walter, son of Michael and Frances R. Donovan.
20. July 30, Massillon Warren, son of Cyrus L. and Maggie A. Angier.
21. Aug. 23, Harriet Barker, daughter of John and Elizabeth B. Davis.
22. Aug. 26, Mary Elizabeth daughter of Orenzo W. and Olive L. Penniman.
23. Sept. 8, Dennis Joseph, son of Dennis and Mary O'Connell.
24. Sept. 10, Hermon Lenzor, son of George and Abbie J. Hoar.
25. Sept. 28, Otis, son of Otis S. and Edith F. Small.
26. Oct. 21, Elaine Climena, daughter of James A. and Flora C. Symonds.
27. Oct. 22, Nettie Louise, daughter of George M. and Lucy N. Parker.
28. Nov. 5, George Henry, son of George and Mary A. Sears.
29. Nov. 9, William, son of John and Julia Quinlan.
30. Nov. 25, Samuel Elmore, son of Charles I. and Lucy E. Miller.
31. Nov. 26, Jennie Etta, daughter of Moses A and Ellen A. Reed.
32. Dec. 23, Clarence Bernard, son of Thomas P. and Eliza J. Owens.

Marriages Recorded in Acton in 1881.

No.	Date of Marriage.	Names and residences of parties.
1.	Jan. 1,	Mr. David Mason and Miss Alice M. Robbins, both of Concord.
2.	Feb. 23,	Mr. Chas. Barker of Acton, and Miss Clara A. Goward of Lowell.
3.	Feb. 24,	Mr. James M. Hendley and Mrs. Mary A. Wheeler, both of Acton.
4.	Feb. 24,	Mr. Stephen Waters of Harvard, and Miss Mary Berry of Acton.
5.	April 17,	Mr. Frank C. Robbins and Miss Hattie Young, both of Acton.
6.	April 18,	Mr. Otis S. Small and Miss Edith F. Reynolds, both of Acton.
7.	May 18,	Mr. Chas. B. Stone of Acton, and Miss Isabel D. Lewis of Stow.
8.	June 7,	Mr. Chas. W. Bradley and Miss Josephine E. Walker, both of Marlboro.
9.	July 24,	Mr. Eri S. Brooks and Miss Ada L. Barnard, both of Acton.
10.	Aug. 3,	Mr. William W. Davis of Acton, and Miss Abbie R. Worthley of Andover.
11.	Sept. 4,	Mr. William H. McGee and Miss Emma E. Moodey, both of Boston.
12.	Sept. 6,	Mr. Chas. P. Willis of Acton, and Miss Cora E. Willard of Nashua. N. H.
13.	Sept. 24,	Mr. Howard B. White of Acton, and Miss Bertha Sawtelle of West Townsend.
14.	Oct. 4,	Mr. John L. Wetherbee of Astoria, Oregon, and Miss Ida F. Wilder of Acton.
15.	Nov. 16,	Mr. George D. Conant of Acton, and Miss Margaret L. O'Neil of Concord.
16.	Nov. 20,	Mr. Jairus C. Wheeler of Acton, and Miss Alice M. Tibbetts of Concord.
17.	Nov. 23,	Mr. Osha Knowlton and Miss Nellie M. Handley, both of Acton.
18.	Dec. 24,	Mr. George Sumner Wright and Miss Emma A. Mead, both of Acton.
19.	Dec. 25,	Mr. George H. Smith and Miss Cora E. Dow, both of Acton.

Deaths Registered in Acton in 1881.

No.	Date of Death.	Names and Ages of Deceased.
1.	Jan. 3.	Mrs. Susie A., wife of Eri S. Brooks, aged 20 years, 10 months. 29 days.
2.	Jan. 6,	Mrs. Ruth C., wife of Joseph P. Reed, aged 73, years, 6 months, 17 days.
3.	Jan. 20,	Mrs. Betsey H Adams, aged 86 years, 9 months 11 days.
4.	Feb. 10,	Mrs. Elizabeth W. Blood, aged 78 years, 9 months, 22 days.
5.	Feb. 18,	Mrs. Sarah J., wife of Chas. D. Griggs, aged 30 years.
6.	March 1,	Mrs. Alice H. Munroe, aged 21 years, 7 months.
7.	March 27,	Miss Effie W. Allen, aged 16 years, 3 months, 16 days.
8.	April 1,	Mrs. Louisa R. Putnam. aged 77 years 3 months 20 days.
9.	April 6,	Mr. John Dakin. aged 76 years.
10	April 13,	Mr. Hugh Gill. aged 47 years, 6 months.
11.	April 23,	Mr. Edwin Tuttle, aged 40 years, 6 months, 13 days.
12.	May 8,	Jacob H., son of Jacob and Martha Dockendorff, aged 2 years, 7 months, 14 days.
13.	May 11,	Mr. Nathan Brooks, aged 81 years, 5 months, 14 days.
14.	June 12,	Mr. Ashville Sears. aged 82 years.
15.	July 24,	Walter, son of Michael and Frances R. Donovan, aged 3 days.
16.	Aug. 4,	Mr. Abel Forbush. aged 84 years. 8 months.
17.	Aug. 12,	Mr. Aaron Fletcher. aged 80 years, 7 months.
18.	Aug. 15,	Mrs. Susan. wife of Thomas P. Sawyer, aged 57 years, 11 months, 5 days.
19.	Aug. 31,	Mr. Benjamin F. Shattuck, aged 54 years.
20.	Sept. 6,	Mr. Luther H. Jones. aged 49 years.
21.	Oct. 21,	Mr. Michael J. Hannon, aged 21 years, 1 day.
22.	Nov. 3,	Mrs. Lydia Hyde, aged 79 yrs., 6 mos., 9 dys.
23.	Nov. 15,	Mrs. Mary Ann Sears, aged 19 yrs., 11 mos., 3 d.
24.	Nov. 25,	Mr. Jonathan A. Piper, aged 73 years, 6 months 27 days.
25.	Dec. 2,	Mrs. Bridget, wife of David Rynn, aged 62 years 3 months.
26.	Dec. 31,	Mr. James W. Wheeler, aged 69 yrs., 9 mos.

NAMES OF PERSONS IN ACTON HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1881.

O. Ellsworth Houghton,
Otis H. Forbush,
M. Augusta Hosmer,
Willie F. Richardson,
Joseph Wheeler,
Jona. K. W. Wetherbee,
Theron F. Newton,
Elnathan Jones, 2,
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 2,
Luther Conant,
Daniel T. Moore,
Danie F. Hayward,
Francis Conant,
Chas. H. Handley,
Luke Tuttle,
Jeremy Austin,
Joseph W. Wherren,
Daniel Harris,
Lucius S. Hosmer,
E. F. Fuller,
J. E. Harris,
Whitcomb & Knowlton,
John Hanaford,
Willis L. Mead,
John W. Charter,
James W. Coburn,
John Fletcher,
George C. Conant,
Frank E. Harris,
George Conant,
M. E. Taylor,
Eri S. Brooks,
Job W. Dupee,
Chas. A. Harrington,
Solon A. Robbins,
G. H. S. Houghton,
E. J. Robbins,
Daniel Tuttle,
George R. Keyes,
Herman Chaplin,
John Kelley,
Isaac Barker,
Lester N. Fletcher,
Jairus C. Wheeler,
Jerry H. McCarthy,
Louis E. Allen,
Augustus Fletcher,
Isaiah S. Leach,
Chas. Holton,
H. A. Littlefield,
Moses A. Reed,
Chas. H. Wheeler,
George C. Wright,
Taylor Bros. & Co.,
John R. Houghton,
A. Lucien Noyes,
Moses Taylor,
Gustavus H. Waugh,
Joseph F. Cole,
George Pratt, 2,
Mrs. Chas. H. Conant,
Edward Wood,
John Welch,
James Tuttle,
Anson C. Piper,
Henry Hanson,
Henry Haynes,
George H. Shapley,
Forbush & Hartwell,
T. P. Owens,
Constance O'Neal,
Daniel Gallagher,
Jona. H. Barker,
Chas. L. Beck, 2,
Chas. D. Griggs,
Cyrus Hayward,
Windsor Pratt,
J. W. Randall,
J. E. Reed,
Stephen White,
J. W. Aldrich,
James Baker,
Frank Pratt,
Daniel McCarthy,
Francis Robbins.

82 Males, at $2.00,	$164.00
7 Females, at $5.00	35.00
Total, 89	$199.00

WM. D. TUTTLE, Town Clerk.

ACTON, March 15, 1882.

REPORT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE ALMSHOUSE IN ACTON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1882.

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ARTICLES ON HAND APRIL 1, 1882.

13 cows,	$ 585 00	7 lbs butter,	$ 2 80
1 horse,	200 00	35 lbs. lard,	3 90
Oat fodder,	22 50	Boiled cider,	75
8 tons hay,	160 00	4 barrels Apples,	4 00
2 " shorts,	40 00	5 gallons soap,	62
2 bags grain,	2 80	2 cider barrels,	2 00
Cotton seed,	75	1-2 barrel flour,	4 12
Corn and oats,	1 50	Eggs,	20
2 shotes,	25 00	Rye meal,	38
Lot bags,	4 00	4 lbs. tea,	1 80
14 cords wood cut for use,	63 00	1 peck beans,	1 00
40 fowls,	20 00	Salt,	17
75 barrels,	11 25	Spices,	62
10 market boxes,	1 00	Yeast cakes,	12
1 market wagon,	112 00	Crackers,	50
33 bushels potatoes,	33 00	Soap,	35
12 " small do.	3 00	Matches,	30
160 lbs. salt pork,	20 00	Kerosene oil,	20
75 " ham,	10 50		
40 gallons cider,	5 00		$ 1,345 13

RECEIPTS FROM TOWN FARM 1881–1882.

Received for calves,	$ 20 75	Received for use of oxen,	$ 75
cows,	118 00	old iron,	1 13
oxen,	155 00	board of Miss Carter,	26 80
old horse,	48 00	birch poles,	20 00
old wagon,	20 00	pork,	33 21
milk,	902 02	apples,	612 60
poultry,	4 50		
grapes,	90		$ 1,963 66

EXPENSES.

Paid for sugar,	$ 26	10	Paid for baskets,		56
molasses,	22	24	flour,	84	81
cheese,	11	18	tobacco,	1	50
butter,	58	15	onions,	1	10
beans,	7	20	starch,		71
neat's foot oil,		62	clothes pins,		19
yeast cakes,		49	pails,		44
salt,	2	54	room paper,	3	88
malt and hops,		70	1 keg,	1	25
soap,	8	85	rakes,		90
tea,	9	85	hoes,		96
crackers,	22	51	bean pot,		28
nutmegs,		88	rice,		90
clove.		26	vinegar,		57
whip and lash,	1	00	ginger,		28
cooking soda,	1	70	liniment,		45
cream tartar,	2	37	paregoric,		20
fish,	9	37	oat meal,		18
meat,	63	88	rye meal,		33
brooms,	1	82	pepper,		16
shoes,	2	15	lamp wicks,		05
castings,		57	raisins,		34
coffee,		52	saltpetre		08
snuff,		40	stove polish,		07
axle oil,		37	lantern globes,		50
spirits turpentine,		10	filing saws,		85
sponge,		42	repairing shoes and harnesses,	1	15
oil tank,	1	50	collar & sweat pad,	7	00
axe,	1	25	shavings,		40
cattle cards,		24	white washing,	4	50
zinc and nails,	3	71	labor,	148	00
candles,		15	pasturing cows,	32	25
kerosene oil,	4	74	cows,	178	00
chimneys,		69	oxen,	153	55
matches,		55	shotes,	43	00
brush,		42	horse,	175	00
fly paper,		10	coffin, robe, &c., for Henry Jones,	16	00
garden seeds,	1	14	barrels,	49	50
cloth and clothing,	14	52	use of cart,	2	00
scythes	1	80	use of market and express wagon,	10	50
whetstones,		59			
Paris green,		30			
sulpher,		30			

Paid for market wagon,	$112 00	Paid for blacksmith's bill,	$18 65
use of bull,	3 50	grain,	450 61
smoking hams,	1 60	phosphate,	16 84
Dr. Sanders' bill,	10 25	plaster,	2 25
board and nursing Mrs. Small,	47 15	seed potatoes,	4 00
Dr. Sanders, do.	8 00	grass seed,	4 65
express,	50	lumber,	18 64
making cider,	1 84	rep. sled & sleigh,	3 00
killing hogs,	2 75	services of J. Austin and wife,	250 00
repairing pump,	1 48	J. E. Cutter,	40 00
rep. rigging,	10 00	O. H. Forbush,	15 00
expense marketing	12 86	L. C. Taylor,	10 00
stove,	30 00		
			$2,286 23
Receipts,			1,963 66
Income less than Expenditures,			$322 57
Drawn from Treasury for Small,		$55 15	
" " " " use on Farm,		40 00	
			$95 15
Due from Treasury to balance account,			$227 42
Interest on Farm,		$240 00	
Drawn from Treasury,		322 57	
			$562 57
Victualing 47 Tramps at 40 cents,			18 80
Cost of supporting poor on Farm,			$543 77

Whole number of persons, exclusive of tramps, supported in Almshouse, 9; average number, 6; present number, 5.

JOHN E. CUTTER,
OTIS H. FORBUSH,
LYMAN C. TAYLOR,
} *Overseers of Poor.*

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1881-82.



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"A boy is better unborn than untaught."—*Gascoigne.*

"Education alone can conduct us to that enjoyment which is at once best in quality and infinite in quantity."—*Mann.*

"Education is the only interest worthy the deep, controlling anxiety of the thoughtful man."—*Phillips.*

"Do not then train boys to learning by force and harshness; but direct them to it by what amuses their minds, so that you may be the better able to discover with accuracy the peculiar bent of the genius of each."—*Plato*, 300 *B. C.*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

That the interest of our citizens in the schools may be brought into a condition of more complete sympathy with the best educational thought of the present, we will consider, at some length, in this report, the following topics: The true Aim of the Public School, The most effective methods of education, The importance of the most efficient school management and the need of the people's co-operation and support.

The True Aim of the Public School.

According to Webster "a school is an educational establishment." The office of the *public* school is to educate the children of all, without any expense to the parents, or guardians, as individuals. The true aim of these institutions is to *educate* the young. This being so the next question which we ought to consider is, What is education? The word is from the Latin language and is from a verb which means to draw or lead out. It indicates the process of calling out, or unfolding the powers of those who are under its influence. Says the authority, quoted above, "Education implies not so much the communication of knowledge as the discipline of the intellect, the establishment of the principles and the regulation of the heart." Another good author says "The true purpose of education is to cherish and unfold the seed of immortality, already sown within us; to develop to their fullest extent the capacities of every kind, with which the God who made us has endowed us."

According to these authorities, it is the true aim of the schools, as educational institutions, to call out the faculties of the young and properly stimulate and to direct them in their development so that there may be in them not only a vigorous physical growth, but, at the same time, a healthy growth of mental and moral power, which,

at the expiration of a certain time, will make them men and women, in the highest sense, well furnished with all the resources which they will need to enable them to act well their part in life, both for themselves, and for the public good.

This being the evident object of the schools, the next question which we ought to consider is, How may these ends be accomplished? What must these institutions attempt practically to do for those committed to their care?

To answer this question, we may suppose a child at the age of five years, brought to the door of a school room and given into the care of a teacher to be educated by him, until he shall be of a suitable age to take up the serious work of life. Now how shall the teacher determine what the measure of his responsibility is, in relation to that child? What must he attempt to do for his ward, so that, if he fails in his life work, or, if his career is not a happy one, he may feel that the fault is not in his education?

It seems to us that the only way by which the teacher can reach a satisfactory solution of this problem is to consider, what the child will need, as he shall stand upon the verge of manhood, in order to be reasonably sure of a successful life, and, then to decide what of these qualifications must come to him from without, that is, aside from a merely natural development, and this will determine the extent of his own responsibility, as an educator, and in the same way may be ascertained the proper scope and method of any school.

A person's qualifications for success in life may be embraced under four heads: (*a*) a good physical organism (*b*) a mind well furnished with the most practical and suggestive elements of knowledge, (*c*) a set of well disciplined mental powers which will make independent thought and investigation possible and easy, and (*d*) correct habits and moral principles.

The space of this report will not permit us to indicate, in detail, the processes by which a true system of education will tend to secure to the pupils all these desirable ends. In this paper, we wish to imply more than the space permits us to express. Of course, the little child, as he stands at the door of the school room, lacks every quality which would secure to him power and success in life, and, strange as it may seem, almost every desirable acquisition must come to him from his education. It may be said that nature will give him a physical development, if he is properly provided with food and shelter. This may be true to a degree, but still it is the fact that, in this regard, education may have a most important office to perform. The nation which has a population of the best physique and of the greatest endurance is Germany, in whose schools, physical culture and instruction in the laws of hygiene occupy a prominent place. In the best school, much attention must be paid to the right development of

the pupils' bodily powers so that he will be erect and graceful in his movements and have a good presence in every respect. As to the second qualification for success in life, viz.: the possession of the practical and suggestive essentials of knowledge, great care should be taken not only to secure these to the pupils but to do so in the best possible way that the knowledge may be not only practical, but really suggestive and stimulating. The American schools, of the past, have not underrated the importance of instilling the largest possible amount of knowledge, but by the methods which they have practiced to secure this essential to success, they have sacrificed the third requisite named above; they have dwarfed the reasoning powers and made of the children's minds mere pockets for certain scraps of knowledge and, in their efforts to compel them to apply themselves to their mental tasks, they have resorted to such expedients, in the way of incentives, that they have done little for the pupils' morals, so that only a small part of the true end of education has been accomplished in many schools.

All this being true, every one having at heart the highest interests of the rising generation and of the state, ought to be ready to inquire,

What are the Most Effective Methods of Education?

Space does not permit us, in attempting to answer this question, to enter into details. Briftly stated, we would say that the best methods are those which promote in a systematic and symmetrical way all the ends of education. There are in the minds of children natural and easy avenues of access, by which, stores of most useful information may be conveyed so that they will rest where they are placed. Knowledge, thus imparted, will be retained, not simply by a sheer strain of the memory, until the examination is over and then be gone, leaving in the minds only some shreds of information and a feeling of disgust for everything that pertains to the school, but it will be a permanent acquisition. The natural agents, for the communication of ideas to the minds of children, are the five senses. It is the province of these, from the very commencement of human life, to test the qualities of objects and to carry the impressions of them to the seat of reason, where they are duly considered and passed upon, by the mind's highest power, and these decisions, are the facts which are the first possessions of the human soul. The natural method of infancy and childhood, in the acquisition of knowledge, furnishes us the clue to the best methods of education. A school conducted upon these principles may not be so brilliant in its seeming, immediate results, but, in the end, it will prove to be the best school even as regards the communication of facts and, in relation to the grand scope of education, it will be the only truly successful school.

In the statements which we have just made and explained is to be found the underlying principle of the most approved methods of school management, at the present time. The system which the best educationists, not only of America but of any country, which lays claim to a progressive spirit, wish to see adopted is founded upon an intelligent view of the powers of the mind and therefore is reasonable and must, in the end, be generally received and practiced.

In our report for 1879–80, we indicated quite fully our ideas of the best methods of teaching all the branches, required to be taught in our common schools, and we will not take the space to repeat anything that we said in that report. In most of our schools, these principles have been quite fully carried out and the result has been so pleasing, both to parents and to pupils, that anything like the old methods will fail to satisfy the popular demand. We are willing that the merits of the system shall be determined by its results, as pronounced upon by those who are in a position to know the facts in the case. Here and there is a person who objects to the advanced methods, on the score that they are new. But this objection is founded upon a very grave mistake; they are not new. They are as old as the human race and in these modern times they have been practiced upon the continent of Europe, for a period of more than a hundred years and with the most completely satisfactory results.

We have in our possession extracts from a report by M. Cuvier, on the schools of Holland, made to the French government in 1812, which contains descriptions of schools whose processes were almost identical with what are termed "the advanced methods" in America, to-day. M. Cuvier in speaking of this system as he saw it in operation, throughout the Netherlands, says "It is admirable and above all praise." This is and has been, for years, the system of Germany, which is confessedly the best educated nation in the world: and, in our own land, its most essential ideas have been practiced for such a period of time that they are no longer experimental to any degree. But without occupying more space upon this topic I proceed to consider

The Importance of our School Interests, and of their Efficient Management, and the Necessity that exists for the Cordial Co-operation and Hearty Support of the People, that the Wisest Measures may be Adopted and Uninterruptedly Continued.

The public schools are the people's most valuable possession, for, while they are continued and *rightly conducted*, they have it within their power to secure to their children a good education, which may be to them the key to wealth, to position and to everything, which man considers desirable in this life. For this reason,

the mass of the people ought to take a keen interest in these institutions and to see to it that they are not only sustained for a certain number of months, during the year, but that they are so managed, as to be abreast of the most intelligent thought of the times and fully equal to the best private institutes, which are accessible only to the children of the rich. In America every man is as good as his neighbor, so long as he shows himself a law-abiding and useful citizen and the best schools are none to good for the children of the poorest and most unfortunate men and women in the State.

But this matter of efficient schools touches not simply the homes that have children, but it affects the good name and even the property interests of the town. Who will venture to select, as his place of residence, a community whose schools have the reputation of being far behind the times? We are sure it is apparent to almost every one that good and efficient schools are a public necessity, but it ought also to be understood they cannot be secured and continued without the co-operation and support of the people.

If we are to be up with the times, educationally, changes in school methods, must be made, and, however good they may be, they will excite criticism and opposition on the part of some, which may greatly hinder their work and neutralize their good results.

Says Ex-Gov. Rice, in a recent speech, "I have heard sensible men point to the old red school house and say they and other men as good and successful got their education there and is not that sufficient? In all our communities, there are some who talk as above. We quote again, from the same speech, "It is substantially true that the simple schools of those days were sufficient, but does it follow that, because they were sufficient for those days, therefore we shall stick to them, while the whole world has been rushing forward, in every department of knowledge, and while society and the whole sphere of human activity have been advancing at a rapid rate? It is an absurdity to say that our school system shall be stationary, while every other instrumentality in the world is rushing forward with a velocity that is absolutely incomprehensible. Now, I venture nothing in saying that the school system of Massachusetts to-day is no farther advanced than were the schools, to which I have alluded, compared with the state of society that then existed."

Without dwelling further upon these general topics, which we have considered it to be expedient to discuss at some length, we wish in presenting this report to congratulate the town upon the success which, on the whole, has attended our schools during the past year. We have been enabled, by the town's generous increase of appropriation, to extend the average length of the schools so that we can report to the State a school year of nine months, which will be greatly to our credit. We trust the public spirit of our citizens will be

equal to another similiar appropriation this year. It is with a perfect confidence in your generosity and wisdom that we again commend to your consideration this interest which occupies a large place in our hearts and in our thoughts.

We now call your attention to a brief review of each school.

West Grammar.

This school has been taught by Miss A. C. Davis, whose name has been most favorably mentioned in our annual reports for several years, as in charge of other schools. To give our estimate of her work here, would be simply to repeat what we have said respecting her before. Her service has been as satisfactory here as elsewhere and is highly appreciated by all having the highest interests of the school at heart.

West Primary.

This school has had but one teacher during the year, Miss I. B. Campbell, a graduate of the Framingham Normal School. She found the discipline somewhat difficult, during the first two terms, but was more successful the last term, in this respect. Her methods of teaching are excellent, her temper is so even and her ways are so pleasing that she must have a beneficial influence over her pupils. We feel that the school is doing well under her care.

South Grammar.

This school has continued under the efficient charge of Miss R. E. Stacy, and we look upon the favorable exhibit of the scholars at the examination which closed the winter term, as a conclusive proof of the wisdom of retaining a good teacher several consecutive years. The condition of the school is highly creditable to all connected with its management.

South Primary.

Miss Jennie McAlister continued to have charge of this school until nearly the close of the spring term, when she resigned to accept a position abroad and Mrs. M. A. Leach, a former successful teacher, finished the school. The Fall term was commenced by Miss J. Brown who, at the end of three weeks, having an opportunity to continue her studies, at Harvard College, and finding the discipline of the school quite too difficult for her strength, resigned. In this emergency, Miss M. B. Allen took charge of the school. As might be expected from so many changes in teachers, Miss A. found the school in a very disorganized state. But by the exercise of considerable force of will, and by the introduction of systematic and natural methods of management and instruction, she has made this to be

one of the most orderly and efficient schools in town. The examination, at the close of the last term, showed that the pupils had made a most commendable progress in all their studies. We trust the present desirable state of affairs will continue.

Centre Grammar.

This school was taught by Miss C. H. Allen, who, as a teacher, found her first experience here, but who discharged her duties so well that she won, to a marked degree, the love and respect of both pupils and parents. This school is so well classified that it is possible to accommodate quite a large number of older scholars by permitting them to pursue some of the more advanced studies. We think these pupils, by their presence in the school, have done much to keep up its *morale* and to excite the ambition of the younger scholars, and that the policy has been a good one in every respect. The present teacher has done much for pupils, in the way of developing their powers of expression, and the examination, at the close of the winter term, showed a breadth of culture such as is seldom equalled in a common school.

Centre Primary.

This school has continued in the charge of Miss B. M. Ball and retains the same distinguished position which it has held in the past. Each term of school, under the care of this teacher, is an improvement upon the previous one. Here is another proof of the wisdom of retaining the same teacher in a school for a series of years. We trust this policy will be continued. It is only by this means that we can have schools that are worthy of the name. Miss Ball, by an undisturbed service, in this school, for a period of three years, has secured to it an efficiency which we had not supposed was possible. If we have good teachers let us keep and sustain them.

East School.

Miss S. A. Wetherbee has continued to be the teacher, throughout the year, and with a seemingly constant increase of efficiency. We have never witnessed an examination here that gave us more pleasure than the one which closed the winter term. The present excellent condition of the school is greatly to the credit of the teacher and of all concerned.

North School.

Miss Emma Esterbrook, who was mentioned in favorable terms in our last report, continued in this school during the first two terms of the year. The examination at the close of the Fall term was very pleasing to all who are interested in the school. We wish to commend the taste which was displayed in the decoration of the room.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. O. W. Dutton, a resident of the district. Mr. D. had a good reputation, as a teacher in a neighboring town, and his work here was perfectly satisfactory. The examination showed that the pupils had made a good degree of progress in all their studies, and that they had a *practical* knowledge of what they had attempted to learn. The register of this school for the year is not defaced by a single tardy mark.

South East School.

The Spring and Fall terms were taught by Miss Ella E. Tuttle and with a general acceptance and success which we never have seen excelled in this school. The examination, at the close of the Fall term, was very satisfactory and the committee would have retained her the next term, had she not preferred to seek further school advantages for herself.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Estelle D. Heath, a resident of the district. Miss H. devoted herself with much earnestness to the work and, under more favorable circumstances, might have had a high degree of success. As it was, the few pupils who were present at the examination appeared quite well.

Appended, are the usual statistical tables.

For the Committee,

FRANKLIN P. WOOD, Superintendent.

ROLL OF HONOR.

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NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ABSENT OR TARDY.

SOUTH GRAMMAR.

One Term.	*Two Terms.*	*Three Terms.*
Susie Billings,	Emily Hannon,	
Carrie Hanson,	Sadie Sawyer,	
Mary Knights,	Eva Shapley,	
Clara Leach,	Eda Shapley.	
Mabel Richardson,		
Carrie Shapley,		
Isadore Willis,		
George Warren,		
Lutie Hosmer. †		

SOUTH PRIMARY.

May Bowen,	Dora Barker, *	
Bertha Jones,	Olive Barker.	
Ada Jones,		
Maude Sawyer,		
Charles Moulton,		
Charles Fletcher.		

WEST GRAMMAR.

Ida Tuttle,		
Bertie Hall, *		
Emery Clark, *		
Edward Holton, *		

WEST PRIMARY.

Florence Richardson *	Ida Richardson,	Emma Hart.
Grace Richardson, *	Alfred Richardson.	
John Hannaford,		
John Mahoney,		
Alice Stone.		

CENTRE GRAMMAR.

Susie Conant,	Annie Hammond,	Hattie Robbins.
Sara Hammond,	Annie Noyes,	
Carrie Lund,	Elbridge Conant.	
Warren Robbins. *		

Centre Primary.

One Term.	*Two Terms.*	*Three Terms.*
May Calder, *	Charles Calder, *	
Lottie Conant, *	Luther Conant, Jr.	
Millie E. Handley,	Henry L. Livermore,	
Clara L. Hammond,	Harry Nickerson, *	
Maude Purcell,	Parley Richardson, *	
Clara B. Robbins,		
Grace E. Tuttle,		
Arthur C. Allen,		
Albert J. Reed,		
Olive D. Wood. *		

East School.

Bertha F. Hosmer,		
Kittie O'Connell,		
John O'Neal,		
Herbert H. Robbins.		

North School.

Bertha Dupee,	Florence Dupee,	
George Smith,	Mattie Randolph,	
Irving Smith,	Mattie Smith,	
Elwyn Harris,	Hattie Smith,	
Everett Wayne.	Augusta Smith,	
	Wallie Smith,	
	J. Sidney White.	

South East School.

Josie Keith,	George Hooper,	Willie Hooper.
Gertrude Griggs,	Fred. Pother,	
Joseph Pother,	Willie Jones.	
Shirley Jones,		
Moses Young.		

* Tardy once. † Absent one half day.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Acton:—

Your School Committee respectfully submit the following report of receipts and expenditures. For information respecting the condition and management of the schools, we refer you to the foregoing report of the Superintendent and to the annexed tabular view. We congratulate the town upon the present apparently prosperous condition of our educational work and ask for it your continued generous support.

WEST SCHOOL.

Mrs. Lucy M. Mead, Agent.

Drawn from the treasury,	$790 00	
Balance from last year,	57 57	
		$847 57
Paid to teachers,	$623 00	
for fuel,	90 27	
care of house and furnace,	60 00	
incidentals,	10 83	
Balance on hand,	63 47	
		$847 57

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Luther Conant, Agent.

Drawn from the treasury,	$790 00	
Balance from last year,	2 25	
		$792 25
Paid to teachers,	$673 00	
for care of house,	43 00	
incidentals,	6 92	
fuel and preparing it,	69 33	
		$792 25

SOUTH SCHOOL.

George F. Flagg, Agent.

Drawn from treasury,	$ 790 00	
Balance from last year,	11 07	
		$ 801 07
Paid to teachers,	$ 681 00	
for books,	4 11	
fuel,	40 00	
care of house,	55 00	
incidentals,	10 40	
Balance on hand,	10 56	
		$ 801 07

NORTH SCHOOL.

Job Dupee, Agent.

Drawn from the treasury,	$ 350 00	
Balance from last year,	44 41	
		$ 394 41
Paid to teachers,	$ 305 50	
for fuel,	35 94	
care of house,	13 00	
maps and pointers,	9 75	
organ,	5 00	
erasers, desk books and incidentals,	8 16	
Balance on hand,	17 06	
		$ 394 41

SOUTH EAST SCHOOL.

C. D. Griggs, Agent.

Drawn from the treasury, on last year's acct.	$ 25 00	
" " " this " "	250 00	
		$ 275 00
Deficiency on last year's account,	$ 12 18	
Paid to teachers,	204 00	
for fuel,	34 50	
incidentals,	1 76	
care of house,	3 00	
Balance on hand,	19 56	
		$ 275 00

EAST SCHOOL.

GEORGE CHANDLER, Agent.

Drawn from the treasury,	$270 00	
Balance from last year,	12 05	
Deficiency,	1 13	
		$383 18
Paid to teachers,	$288 00	
for fuel,	46 27	
organ (in part for last year),	16 00	
care of house,	30 50	
incidentals,	2 41	
		$383 18
Amount raised by the town for schools,	$3,000 00	
Income from State school fund,	180 21	
" " dog fund,	173 95	
		$3,354 16

Number of children between the ages of five and fifteen, 292. Sum raised by the town for each, $10.75.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER CONANT, Chairman,
JOB DUPEE, Clerk,
GEORGE F. FLAGG,
LUCY M. MEAD,
CHARLES D. GRIGGS,
GEORGE CHANDLER,
School Committee of Acton.

TABULAR VIEW.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Length of School in months.	Wages per month.	Whole No. Scholars.	Av'age No. belonging.	Average attendance.	No. under 5 years.	No. over 15 years.	No. between 8 and 14.	Number of Visits.
	SPRING TERM.									
Centre Grammar	Miss C. H. Allen	2¾	$36.00	30*	27	24.85	0	13	23	56
Centre Primary	" B. M. Ball	2¾	36.00	33	31.7	27.3	2	0	14	71
South Grammar	" R. E. Stacy	3	40.00	26	24	23.3	0	7	14	6
South Primary	Miss J. M. M'Alister, Mrs. M. A. Leach	3	36.00	41	37	34.6	0	0	21	34
West Grammar	Miss A. C. Davis	3	36.00	35	32.3	28.05	0	7	25	32
West Primary	" I. B. Campbell	3	30.00	45	39.7	32.7	1	0	16	41
East	" S. A. Wetherbee	2¾	32.00	27	25.7	24.09	1	0	16	14
North	" E. F. Estabrook	2¾	30.00	21	20	18.39	0	1	10	27
South East	" S. E. Tuttle	2¾	24.00	18	16	14	1	0	8	27
	Totals,	25¾	300.00	276	254.4	227.28	5	28	147	308
	FALL TERM.									
Centre Grammar	Miss C. H. Allen	2¾	$40.00	21	18.3	16	0	13	12	88
Centre Primary	" B. M. Ball	2¾	36.00	30	29.4	27.2	1	0	12	84
South Grammar	" R. E. Stacy	3	40.00	28	24	23.3	0	10	14	8
South Primary	Miss J. Brown, " M. B. Allen	3	36.00	46	42	37	0	0	25	60
West Grammar	Miss A. C. Davis	3	36.00	33	36.1	31.4	0	7	25	23
West Primary	" I. B. Campbell	3	32.00	43	41.17	37.05	0	0	16	26
East	" S. A. Wetherbee	2¾	32.00	33	27.7	25.6	0	0	22	20
North	" E. F. Estabrook	2¾	32.00	18	16.17	14.27	0	0	9	34
South East	" E. E. Tuttle	2½	24.00	19	18.5	16	1	0	8	21
	Totals,	25½	308.00	276	253.34	227.82	2	30	143	364
	WINTER TERM.									
Centre Grammar	Miss C. H. Allen	3½	$40.00	32	30.7	28.2	0	14	15	110
Centre Primary	" B. M. Ball	3½	36.00	32	29.2	25.4	0	0	16	94
South Grammar	" R. E. Stacy	3	40.00	28	26	24	0	12	12	10
South Primary	" M. B. Allen	3	36.00	47	39	34.7	1	0	31	44
West Grammar	" A. C. Davis	3¼	36.00	47†	41.34	36.04	0	13	23	13
West Primary	" I. B. Campbell	3¼	32.00	41	39.25	35.14	0	0	17	25
East	" S. A. Wetherbee	3½	32.00	32	29.2	24.44	0	2	19	30
North	Mr. O. W. Dutton	3¾	36.00	15	14.2	13.5	0	2	8	22
South East	Miss E. D Heath	3¼	24.00	17	15.75	13	0	2	10	27
	Totals,	30	312.00	291	264.64	234.42	1	45	151	375
	Aggregate for year,	81¼	920.00	843	772.38	689.52	8	103	441	1047

* One of these a half day scholar and another recited in special studies.

† Two of these half day scholars.

The average attendance, during the year, was 89 1-5 per cent. of the average number belonging to the schools, and 79 per cent. of the number in town between five and fifteen years of age.

REPORTS

—OF THE—

SELECTMEN AND OTHER OFFICERS

—OF THE—

TOWN OF ACTON,

—FROM—

FEB. 26, 1882, TO FEB. 26, 1883,

—INCLUDING THE—

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN 1882,

—ALSO, THE—

Report of the School Committee.



ACTON:
PRINTED AT OFFICE OF THE ACTON PATRIOT, SO. ACTON.
1883.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1883.

Town Clerk.

William D. Tuttle.

Selectmen.

D. James Wetherbee, John White, Phineas Wetherbee.

Assessors.

Wm. D. Tuttle, Phineas Wetherbee, Hiram J. Hapgood.

Overseers of the Poor.

Elisha H. Cutler, Otis H. Forbush, Luke Blanchard.

School Committee.

Job W. Dupee and Geo. Chandler, 1 yr.; Lucius S. Hosmer and John E. Cutter, 2 yrs.; 2 to be chosen at April meeting.

Highway Surveyors.

Daniel Wetherbee, Charles Wheeler, Abram H. Jones, Joseph F. Cole, John Fletcher, 2d, Geo. R. Keyes.

Fence Viewers.

Wm. W. Davis, Nahum C. Reed, John R. Houghton.

Surveyors of Lumber.

Wm. B. Davis, Geo. H. Harris, Ed. F. Richardson, Chas. B. Stone, L. W. Stevens, E. J. Robbins.

Surveyors of Wood.

E. J. Robbins, Geo. H. Harris, S. L. Dutton, Wm. B. Davis, Chas. B. Stone, Isaac W. Flagg, J. W. Loker, L. S. Hosmer, Aaron S. Fletcher, Charles H. Taylor, Moses E. Taylor.

Surveyors of Hoops and Staves.

David M. Handley, Augustus Fletcher.

Cemetery Committee.

John Fletcher, Wm. W. Davis, Joseph F. Cole.

Field Drivers.

A. W. Gardner, Martin Tuttle, Wm. H. Murphy, James B. Tuttle, Geo. W. Cole, Clarence W. Brown, James P. Brown.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

—Dr.—

Paid State Treasurer, State Tax,	$ 1,440 00	
County Treasurer, County Tax,	542 70	
On Selectmen's Orders,	12,479 22	
To Outstanding Orders,	1,513 84	
Balance due the Town Feb. 26, 1883,	1,149 51	
		$17,125 27

—Cr.—

By Balance in Treasury Feb. 26, 1882,	$ 39 08	
Received of J. E. Cutter, taxes, 1881,	2,256 27	
" State Treas., Corporation tax,	907 96	
" " " National Bank tax,	728 48	
" " " Indigent Soldiers,	201 00	
" " " State Aid,	64 00	
" " " State Paupers,	14 10	
" " " School Fund,	179 13	
" Joseph Cole, for lots sold in Mt. Hope Cemetery 1881,	23 00	
" Geo. F. Flagg, rent S. Rooms,	45 00	
" Chas. Wheeler, for labor,	50	
" J. E. Cutter, for poll tax of Scott Adams,	2 00	
" Julian Tuttle, rent Town Hall,	117 20	
" D. J. Wetherbee, for oil,	8 40	
" John Fletcher, for lots sold in Woodlawn Cemetery,	37 00	
" Joseph Cole for lots in Mt. Hope Cemetery,	3 00	
" County Treas., dog fund,	145 08	
" J. W. Dupee, Collector,	12,284 34	
" for Interest on money in Bank,	69 73	
		$ 17,125 27

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Receipts and Expenditures.

Unexpended balance of last year,	$2,295 35	
Joseph F. Cole, Mt. Hope Cemetery '81,	23 00	
Geo. F. Flagg, rent of So. A. School House,	45 00	
Charles Wheeler, labor,	50	
John E. Cutter, poll tax,	2 00	
State Treas., Corporation Tax,	907 96	
" " National Bank Tax,	728 48	
" " State Aid,	64 00	
" " Relief of Indigent Soldiers,	201 00	
" " Support of State Paupers,	14 10	
" " School Fund,	179 13	
Interest on money in bank.	69 73	
D. J. Wetherbee, oil,	8 40	
Julian Tuttle, use of Town Hall and cellar,	117 20	
Town Grant,	7,000 00	
" " for Schools,	3,000 00	
" " for Highways,	1,500 00	
State Tax,	1,440 00	
County Tax,	542 70	
Bounty Tax,	4,000 00	
Overlayings,	82 77	
Joseph F. Cole, Mt. Hope Cemetery 1882,	3 00	
John Fletcher, Woodlawn "	37 00	
County Treas., Dog Tax,	145 08	
		$22,406 40

Support of Schools.

Paid Lucius S. Hosmer, South District,		$ 790 00	
John E. Cutter, Centre	"	790 00	
Lucy M. Mead, West	"	790 00	
George Chandler, East	"	350 00	
Job W. Dupee, North	"	350 00	
Charles D. Griggs, S. East	"	275 00	
			$ 3,345 00

Repairs on Town Buildings.

Paid L. S. Hosmer, repairs on South Acton School House,	$ 25 38	
Geo. Chandler, " " East House,	15 10	
Luther Conant, " " Centre House,	21 46	
Lucy M. Mead, " " West House,	13 19	
L. U. Holt, register for Town Hall,	8 00	
		$ 83 13

Regular Highway Work.

Paid A. H. Jones,	$ 300 00	
Chas. Wheeler,	681 15	
A. H. Jones,	385 37	
		$ 1366 52

Printing.

Paid C. W. Leach, 24 Warrants,	$ 3 00	
" " 500 Selectmen's reports,	10 00	
" " 600 Town reports,	56 00	
E. J. Hammer, Warrants and Posters,	8 00	
D. J. Wetherbee, Warrants,	6 50	
		$ 83 50

Support of Poor.

Paid John E. Cutter, deficiency on Town Farm, to April 1st., 1882,	$227 42	
E. H. Cutler, support Clara Wheeler,	275 42	
" " " Eliza Bergendahl,	179 91	
" " " Traynor Family,	29 71	
" " " Mrs. Pike,	47 00	
" " " Reddin Family,	13 00	
" " " R. B. Adams,	79 00	
" " Coffin and Robe for Mrs. Adams,	14 00	
" " support Ola Nelson,	37 80	
" " " Hannah Stanton,	42 10	
" " " Mrs. John Whitney,	16 00	
" " " Jeremiah Shine,	17 00	
" " " W. Moffitt,	31 88	
" " for Dr. Hutchins, medical attendance on J. Shine,	64 25	
" " for Dr. Hutchins, medical attendance Traynor family,	7 50	
" " for Dr. Sanders, medical attendance O. Penniman,	7 00	
" " for journey to Lowell,	1 50	
" " " " Boston,	2 00	
" " " " Westford,	1 50	
" " Stationery and Stamps,	1 50	
" " Samuel Hoar, counsel fees in Adams' case,	9 00	
		$1,104 49

Cemetery Expenses.

Paid John Fletcher, labor and trees for Woodlawn Cemetery,	$ 79 77	
J. F. Cole, labor in Mt. Hope Cemetery,	39 75	
John Flether, labor in Woodlawn Cemetery,	57 32	
		$176 84

State Aid.

Paid John Corroll,	$96 00	
George Dole,	48 00	
Allen G. Smith,	96 00	
Benjamin Skinner,	72 00	
Mrs. R. C. Wright,	48 00	
Ola Nelson,	4 00	
		$364 00

Town Debt.

Paid Luther Billings, note and interest,	$211 26	
Mrs. H. A. Piper, " "	201 63	
Luther Conant, " "	763 87	
Fred. Rouillard, " "	2,049 67	
Mrs. J. K. Putney, "	676 00	
D. J. Wetherbee, " "	587 35	
		$ 4,489 78

Interest on Town Debt.

Paid F. Rouillard,	$120 00	
Luther Conant,	45 00	
D. J. Wetherbee,	34 52	
H. A. Piper,	12 00	
Mrs. J. K. Putney,	39 00	
		$250 52

Town Officers.

Paid L. U. Holt, Sealer of Weights and Measures,	$ 9 00	
Rev. F. P. Wood, Sup't. Schools,	55 00	
John E. Cutter, Collecting Taxes, '81,	80 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, services as Assessor,	40 00	
L. S. Hosmer, " " "	20 00	
Phineas Wetherbee, " "	30 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, services as Treas,	40 00	
John White, Selectman,	45 00	
D. J. Wetherbee, "	85 00	
P. Wetherbee, "	45 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, Town Clerk,	25 00	
		$474 00

Miscellaneous.

Paid A. J. Willis, breaking roads,	$ 17 84
L. E. Reed, attending 25 burials,	75 00
" " making 25 death returns,	6 25
" " work at Cemetery,	2 00
" " repairs on Hearse,	7 00
James Kinsley, for the Hurley road,	8 00
Dr. Sanders, medical attendance on J. W. Mansfield,	50 00
E. Robbins, for land for E. Cemetery,	8 00
C. W. H. Moulton & Co., for ladders,	125 00
Job W. Dupee, breaking roads,	25 15
John E. Cutter, abatement of taxes,	42 42
E. F. Richardson, stakes for Woodlawn Cemetery,	8 79
A. L. Tuttle, building road,	100 00
P. Wetherbee, lumber and labor for storage of ladders,	15 07
D. J. Wetherbee, sign boards,	2 19
" " tile for So. Acton sluice,	8 45
" " coal for Town House,	14 50
James W. Hayward, freight on tile,	2 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, over draft on Treas. at time of settlement,	11 16
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, for settees for Town House,	68 71
John E. Cutter, discount on taxes,	39 50
Treasurer of Littleton, for schooling A. Bulette's children,	43 00
Samuel Hosmer, breaking roads,	1 50
L. S. Hosmer, tax book,	1 00
" " printing tax notices,	2 50
" " collector's book,	1 00
" " post for So. A. School H.	7 00
Chas. Wheeler, repairs on W. Acton bridge,	117 88

Paid C, Wheeler railing on W. A. bridge,	$32 61
" " breaking roads,	28 03
" " building new bridge at Smith's Mill,	25 86
Luke Tuttle, breaking roads,	15 82
J. E. Cutter, " "	13 65
Moses Taylor, " "	6 45
Luther Conant, " "	4 50
A. H. Jones, " "	77 45
Francis Pratt, " "	26 45
F. H. Whitcomb, "	44 00
N. Littlefield, " "	21 70
J. P. Tenney, " "	7 68
C. L. Davis, " "	60
D. Wetherbee, " " 1882,	29 56
I. W. Flagg, 10 doz. paper pails,	43 25
A. H. Jones, repairs on Powder Mill bridge,	30 82
L. E. Reed, attending 30 buriels,	90 00
" " making 29 returns	7 25
" " repairs on Hearse,	1 55
Edward Tuttle, use of pump, C. School,	5 00
Julian Tuttle, opening Hall, 26 times,	35 00
" " " Selectmen's room,	3 75
" care of cellar,	3 00
" " " clock,	10 00
" " cleaning "	2 00
" " " Hall,	2 00
" " wood, chimneys, brooms,	
" " hooks,	18 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, express on documents,	2 58
" " laying out lots in Woodlawn Cemetery,	1 50
" " Assessors' notices,	1 25
" " " book,	25

Paid W. D. Tuttle message to W. Acton,		$ 10	
" " journey to Concord,		2 39	
" " collecting returns,		75	
" " collecting and recording 36 births,		18 00	
" " collecting and recording 25 marriages,		3 75	
" " recording 32 deaths,		5 20	
Job W. Dupee, discount on taxes,		769 31	
D. J. Wetherbee, counsel fees,		12 00	
Henry Brooks, repairs on highway,		10 00	
J. W. Dupee, abatement off taxes,		27 14	
			$2,255 28

Receipts from February 26th, 1882, to February 26th, 1883.

Unexpended balance, as per report of Feb. 26th., 1882,	$2,295 35	
Appropriations and receipts,	20,111 05	
		$22,406 40

Expenditures.

Support of Schools,	$3,345 00	
Repairs on Town buildings,	83 13	
Regular highway work,	1,366 52	
Support of Poor,	1,104 49	
Town Debt,	4,489 78	
Soldiers' Aid,	364 00	
Interest on Notes,	250 52	
Town Officers,	474 00	
Printing,	83 50	
Cemetery Expenses,	176 84	
Miscellaneous,	2,255 28	
State Tax,	1,440 00	
County Tax,	542 70	
		$15,975 76
Bal. in Col. and Treas. hands, Feb. 26, 1883,		$6,430 64
Deduct Bounty Tax,		4,000 00
Balance in favor of the Town,		$2,430 64

D. J. WETHERBEE
JOHN WHITE,
PHINEAS WETHERBEE,
Selectmen of Acton.

Acton, Feb. 26th., 1883.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
FOR 1882.

List of Births in Acton in 1882.

No.	Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.
1.	Jan. 4,	Ralph Bradley Stone,	son of Edwin and Frances A. Stone.
2.	Jan. 24,	Eugene Warren Knowlton,	son of Ancil W. and Lizzie M. Knowlton.
3.	Feb. 15,	Clara Lewis Stone,	daughter of Charles B. and Isabel D. Stone.
4.	Feb. 21,	Charles Austin Lawrence,	son of Austin E. and Mary J. Lawrence.
5.	Mar. 9,	Daniel Connors,	son of Morris and Honora Connors.
6.	Mar. 20,	Charles Eliot Goding,	son of Theodore P. and Ella F. Goding.
7.	Mar. 22,	Margaret Anna McCarthy,	daughter of Michael and Sarah McCarthy.
8.	Mar. 23,	Genie Evelyn Fletcher,	daughter of Jona P. and Lizzie Fletcher.
9.	Apr. 20,	Grace May Hayward,	daughter of Amos H. and Etta C. Hayward.
10.	Apr. 26,	Frank O'Neil,	son of Patrick and Hannah O'Neil.
11.	June 4,	Sadie Emma Lindley,	daughter of George and Alice Lindley.
12.	June 7,	Charles L. Bradford, Jr.,	son of Charles L. and Eliza D. Bradford.
13.	June 29,	Florence Pearl Smith,	daughter of George H. and Cora E. Smith.
14.	June 30,	Jessie Louise Knowlton,	daughter of Frank R. and Emma S. Knowlton.

15. July 1, Winfield Almon Lawrence, son of James R. and Abbie F. Lawrence.
16. July 14, A daughter to Jeremiah Jr. and Louise Lucius.
17. July 23, Marion Wood, daughter of Eben F. and Mary A. Wood.
18. July 24, Daniel Callahan, son of Daniel and Ellen Callahan.
19. July 26, Walter Gaston Tuttle, son of Amos S. and Amy M. Tuttle.
20. Aug. 1, Anne Sawtelle White, daughter of Howard B. and Bertha White.
21. Aug. 3, Jennie Blanche Sawyer, daughter of Thomas J. and Kate Sawyer.
22. Aug. 22, Vera May Knowlton, daughter of Octavus A. and Etta L. Knowlton.
23. Aug. 25, Alla Blanche Hesselton, daughter of Lucius A. and Martha F. Hesselton.
24. Aug. 25, Clarence Bernard Smith, son of Allen G. and Georgianna Smith.
25. Sept. 5, Charles Julian Tuttle, son of Julian and Hannah E. Tuttle.
26. Sept. 11, Mary Eleanor Louise Palmer, daughter of Nathan R. and Abbie M. Palmer
27. Sept. 14, Sarah Viola Knowlton, daughter of Osha P. and Nellie F. Knowlton.
28. Oct. 21, Ethel Mildred Quimby, daughter of George L. and Emma L. Quimby.
29. Oct. 22, Arthur Herman Gould, son of Herman A. and Sarah E. Gould.
30. Oct. 31, Everett Marshall Mains, son of John and Maria Mains.
31. Nov. 14, John Edward Bixby, son of John W. and Veronica M. Bixby.
32. Nov. 16, Eula Sophia, daughter of Lyman C. and Addie Taylor
33. Nov. 20, Michael Murphy, son of Michael and Johanna Murphy.
34. Dec. 3, Ralph T. Jones, son of William S. and Laura A. Jones.

35. Dec. 11, Leonard Avery Phalen, son of Edwin A. and Hattie D. Phalen.
36. Dec. 28, Albert P. Willis, son of Charles P. and Cora E. Willis.

Marriages Recorded in Acton in 1882.

No.	Date of Marriage.	Names and Residences of Parties.
1.	Jan. 2,	Frank W. Houghton of Arlington and Miss Lizzie L Walker of Acton.
2.	Jan 13,	George L Quimby, and Miss Emma L Billings, both of Acton.
3.	Feb. 12,	John W Bixby and Miss Veronica Cain, both of Acton.
4.	Feb. 15,	Howard Marchant and Miss Annie Jackman both of Acton.
5.	April 12,	Joel H Whitcomb and Mrs. Lidian E Scofield, both of Acton.
6.	Apr. 18,	Seymour S Colby and Miss Clara M Whitney, both of Stow.
7.	Apr. 30,	George N Gove of Maynard and Miss Rosella Hale of Concord.
8.	Apr. 30,	Oliver E Houghton and Miss Mary Estella Barrett both of Acton.
9.	May 3,	Sidney L Richardson and Miss M Kate Moulton, both of Acton.
10.	May 14,	George Sears and Miss Katie M Hoffman, both of Acton.
11.	June 28,	Charles Hammond Avery, Esq., of Cincinnati, O., and Miss Nettie Norton Barker of Acton.
12.	Aug. 2,	Alfred W Gardner of Acton and Miss Hattie H Freeman of Ayer.
13.	Aug. 13,	Orzando Davis of Somerville and Mrs. Mary H. Richardson of Acton.
14.	Sept. 6,	James B Tuttle of Acton and Miss Florence M. Hartwell of Boxboro.
15.	Sept. 7,	William S Warren of Acton and Miss Rosa E Stacy of Waterville, Me.
16.	Oct. 3,	Richard E Frye of Nashua, N. H., and Miss Helen M Webber of Acton.

17. Oct. 26, George Wm. Cole and Miss Anna Z Hewins, both of Acton.
18. Nov. 7, Joseph Truette of Acton and Miss Emma Lawson of St. Albans, Vt.
19. Dec. 9, George E. Priest and Miss Alice G Scarbro, both of Acton.
20. Dec. 18, William H Murphy of Acton and Miss Mary Jane Porter of Boxboro.
21. Dec. 21, Albert J Day and Miss Ella E Tuttle, both of Acton.
22. Dec. 24, Martin Tuttle and Miss Mary Emma Conant, both of Acton.
23. Dec. 25, James T Goodsell of Maynard and Miss Addie C Jones of Acton.
24. Dec. 25, James P Brown and Miss Laura A Jones, both of Acton.
25. Dec. 26, Clarence W Brown of Acton and Miss Minnie A Caswell of Barton, Vt.

Deaths in Acton in 1882.

No. Date of Death. Names and Ages of Deceased.

1. Jan. 11, Mr. Frederick W. Bryant, 31 years 6 months.
2. Jan. 12, Mrs. Lucinda Gilmore, 75 years, 10 months.
3. Jan. 30, Varnum P. Tuttle, son of Varnum and M. Medora Tuttle, 8 years, 1 month, 17 days.
4. Feb. 2, Mr. Joseph Dole, 68 years.
5. Feb. 4, Mrs. Hattie A. Woodward, wife of Bixby S. Woodward, 41 years, 2 months, 14 days.
6. Feb. 22, Mrs. Eliza A. Lawrence, 57 years, 3 months, 29 days.
7. Mar. 10, Walter B. Parker, son of Edwin C. and Hannah H. Parker, 1 year, 2 months, 4 days.
8. Mar. 15, Mr Jonas Blodgett, 71 years, 4 months, 17 d'ys.
9. Mar. 20, Clarence E. Blodgett, son of J Herbert and Minnie A Blodgett, 1 year, 5 mo's, 8 days.
10. April 3, Mrs Sarah Fuller, widow of Alden Fuller, 78 years, 7 months, 19 days.

11. April 5, Mr Alanson B Gibbs of Charlestown, by accident on railroad, 27 years.
12. April 14, Mr Joseph Wheeler, 85 years, 5 months.
13. May 2, Mr Daniel T Angier, 86 y'rs, 8 mo's, 6 days.
14. May 6, M Florence Penniman, daughter of Orenzo W. and Olive L. Penniman, 4 yr's, 8 mo's.
15. May 16, Mrs Sally Davis, widow of Jonathan B Davis, 84 years, 11 months, 29 days.
16. May 31, Mr Edwin M Wheeler, 26 years, 5 months, 10 days.
17. June 2, Miss Hepsey R Robbins, 63 years, 1 month, 16 days.
18. June 11, Mr James H Freeman, 22 years, 13 days.
19. July 13, Mrs Ellen Carney, 70 years.
20. July 16, Arthur Edwin Wheeler, son of Edwin M and Ellen G. Wheeler, 2 years, 10 months, 17 days.
21. July 25, Mrs Susan J Hewins, 54 years, 7 months, 5 days.
22. Aug 16, Mr Samuel Chaffin, 70 years.
23. Aug 19, Mrs Martha Fletcher, wife of John Fletcher, 53 years, 5 months, 12 days.
24. Aug 24, Mrs. Betsey C. Parker, 79 years, 6 months, 12 days.
25. Aug 26, Mrs Rosalinda B Adams, 94 years, 9 mo's, 2 days.
26. Aug 30, Mr Jeremiah Shien, 35 years, 8 months.
27. Sept 6, Miss Alice J. Phalen, 29 years, 10 days.
28. Sept 6, Mrs Jerusha P Noyes, widow of Thomas J Noyes, 72 years, 2 months, 23 days.
29. Sept 9, George Henry Sears, son of George and Mary A Sears, 10 months, 4 days.
30. Oct 8, Margaret A, daughter of Michael and Sarah McCarthy, 6 months, 16 days.
31. Oct 22, John Manion, son of Thomas and Mary Ann Manion, 6 years, 9 months, 6 days.
32. Dec 27, Mr Henry Adalbert Mead, 30 years, 4 months.

Names of Persons Having Dogs Licensed in 1882.

Jairus C. Wheeler, 1 fem.,
M. Augusta Hosmer,
Walter C. Gardner,
Chas. J. Spring,
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 2,
Elnathan Jones, 3,
Dana F. Hayward,
J. K. W. Wetherbee,
Theron F. Newton,
James Tuttle,
Lucius S. Hosmer,
Jeremy Austin,
Otis H. Forbush,
Daniel Harris,
Chas. D. Griggs,
Geo. W. Livermore,
Chas. Handley,
J. E. Harris,
A. L. Noyes,
Frank Wetherbee,
Isaiah S. Leach,
John Temple,
Isaac Barker,
Geo. C. Conant,
Sylvester Haynes,
V. J. Brennan,
Francis Conant,
John Welch,
O. Ellsworth Houghton,
D. J. Wetherbee,
John W. Charter,
John Hanaford,
Hiram Walker,
Lester N. Fletcher.
Daniel McCarthy,
Oscar E. Preston,
John R. Houghton,
Frank E. Harris,
E. F. Fuller, 2,
Luke Tuttle,
Chas. A. Harrington,
Chas. A. Taylor,
Solon A. Robbins,
James Kingsley,
Willis L. Mead,
Gustavus H. Waugh,
Geo. R. Keyes,
Wm. D. Tuttle,
John Fletcher,
Chas. Holton,
G. H. S. Houghton,
Jona H. Barker,
Moses A. Reed,
Alman H. Gilmore,
Forbush & Hartwell, 1 fem,
John Kelly,
Geo. S. Jacobs,
James D. Coburn,
Geo. Pratt, 2, 1 a fem.,
Chas. H. Wheeler, 1 fem.,
Cyrus Hayward,
Geo. C. Wright,
Mrs. H. M. Beck,
Eri S. Brooks,
Jerry H. McCarthy,
M. E. Taylor,
A. W. Gardner,
John W. Randall,
Herman Chaplin,
Geo. Conant,
Constance O'Neil,
L. E. Allen,
Mrs. Jarvis Williams,
Augustus Fletcher,
Albert Moulton,

Males,	76, at $2.00,	$152.00
Females,	4, at $5.00,	20.00
Total,	80	$172.00

LICENSED SINCE JAN. 1st, 1883.
Eliza Wheeler, Edward Wood, 1 fem.

WM. D. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk of Acton.

REPORT OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

—OF THE—

ALMSHOUSE IN ACTON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

ARTICLES ON HAND MARCH 1st, 1883.

9 cows,	$405 00	80 lbs. ham,	$12 00
1 horse,	200 00	12 lbs butter,	3 72
1 1-2 tons oat fodder,	22 50	17 lbs. lard,	3 00
9 1-2 tons hay,	171 00	1 1-2 bbls. apples,	4 00
7 bags cotton seed meal,	10 00	Soap,	1 22
1 ton shorts,	22 50	Cider,	4 00
6 bags meal,	8 20	Flour,	6 00
oats,	1 00	Tea,	4 00
225 barrels,	45 00	Crackers,	50
lot bags,	5 00	Spices,	50
salt,	1 00	Molasses,	1 50
14 cords wood cut for use,	63 00	Rye meal,	50
market boxes,	1 00	Kerosene oil,	83
wagon,	107 00	2 cider bbls.,	2 00
26 hens,	13 00	1-2 bushel beans,	2 00
15 bushels potatoes,	12 00	Matches,	50
10 bushels do. small,	2 50		
200 lbs. salt pork,	28 00		$1163 97

RECEIPTS FROM TOWN FARM FROM APRIL 1st, 1882 TO MARCH 1st, 1883.

Received for cows,	$172 12	Received for eggs,	$1 94
milk,	742 01	pork,	39 59
potatoes,	11 00	calves,	11 00
birch poles,	44 40	poultry,	1 00
apples,	184 87		
berries,	1 67		$1209 60

Expenses.

Paid for	sugar,	$19 93	Paid for	wagon jack,	$3 00
	cheese,	16 69		phosphate,	8 95
	butter,	39 40		chimney & globes,	1 30
	spices,	1 18		tea,	10 00
	room paper,	3 86		scythes,	2 20
	brick,	08		cards and curry comb,	1 41
	saleratus,	1 20		fly paper,	04
	cr. tartar,	1 57		onions,	1 58
	grass seed,	4 90		flour,	64 37
	castings,	1 41		barrels,	64 20
	kerosene oil,	3 45		candles,	31
	oil can,	22		resin,	24
	cloth & clothing	14 05		tobacco,	25
	hoe,	67		horse radish,	08
	soap,	10 44		vinegar,	44
	yarn,	1 00		snuff,	96
	shoes,	1 50		screening,	64
	seeds,	35		tacks,	14
	tomato plants,	35		rakes,	50
	fork handle,	26		malt,	55
	nails,	89		starch,	19
	basket,	62		raisins,	54
	brooms,	1 17		mop handle,	20
	lemons,	33		mustard,	25
	fly trap,	37		coffee,	30
	meat,	76 25		knife,	42
	pails,	1 00		wicks,	04
	beans,	9 60		fish,	12 21
	bean pot,	28		labor,	46 00
	crockery,	1 26		cows,	105 00
	spade	1 15		keeping cows,	18 00
	tin ware,	20		grain,	453 66
	yeast,	43		wheelwright bill,	4 90
	sweet potatoes,	83		pump & repairs,	16 85
	crackers,	23 40		blacksmith's bill,	19 35
	ladder,	1 44		rep. shoes,	1 27
	putty,	10		doct. cow,	1 00
	axe,	1 17		shavings,	60
	glass,	75		uses of bull,	2 50
	saw,	90		killing hogs,	2 75
	salt,	3 23		smoking ham,	60
	matches,	1 13		cash for M. Follard,	3 00
	lock,	30		use of oxen,	3 00
	stove polish,	07			
	molasses,	27 40			

Paid for filing saws,	$1 05	Services of O.H.Forbush,	15 00
Services of J. Austin, wife and son,	275 00	Luke Blanchard,	10 00
E. H. Cutler,	45 00		
Expenditures,			$1476 62
Receipts,			1209 60
Income less than Expenditure,			$267 02
Due from treasury to balance account,		$267 02	
Interest on farm,		240 00	
		507 02	
Victualing 91 tramps at 40c. each,		36 40	
Cost of supporting poor on farm,		$470 62	

Whole number of persons exclusive of tramps supported in almshouse, 4; Average number, 4; Present number, 4.

ELISHA H. CUTLER,
OTIS H. FORBUSH,
LUKE BLANCHARD,
Overseers of Poor.

REPORT

—OF THE—

School Committee

—OF THE—

TOWN OF ACTON

—FOR THE—

SCHOOL YEAR, 1882-83.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The brief space usually taken for this report requires that it be confined to the consideration of a few practical questions, viz., 1. What branches shall be taught in our schools? 2. How shall they be taught? 3. How can we make our schools more efficient? 4. The need of a High School. 5. Remarks concerning each school.

I. What Branches Shall be Taught in Our Schools.

The studies that may be pursued by man with interest and profit are legion. Some of these are absolutely essential. The common sense of the Commonwealth, embodied in the Public Statutes Page 299, Sec. 1, says:

"In every town there shall be kept for at least six months in each year at the expense of said town by a teacher or teachers of competent ability and good morals, a sufficient number of schools for the instruction of all the children who may legally attend public school therein, in orthography, reading, writing, English grammar, geography, arithmetic, drawing, the history of the United States, and good behavior. Algebra, vocal music, agriculture, sewing, physiology and hygiene shall be taught by lectures or otherwise, in all the public schools in which the school committee deem it expedient."

Your superintendent, in accordance with a vote of the committee, has required all scholars to pursue the studies prescribed in the first period of said section, unless excused on satisfactory examination or for other good cause, and has permitted all who desired, to take algebra and physiology if sufficiently advanced in other studies. In no school where these branches are faithfully studied and taught is there time for scholars or teachers to attend to

French and Latin or other studies properly taught in a High School.

II. How Shall These Studies be Taught?

So far as circumstances will permit the same as they are taught in our Normal Schools and in the best common schools in the state; for it is from these sources that our best teachers come and they must teach mainly as they have been taught. Therefore if we had a system of our own more conservative or more advanced than the methods in said schools, we should be powerless to introduce it. But we have no desire to do so. The schools of Massachusetts were never doing better work than now.

It is not the use but the abuse of the so called "new methods" that is to be deprecated and avoided.

What are the "new methods?" They are very similar in all our best schools, although, because so successfully carried out in the Quincy schools, they are sometimes called the "Quincy methods." In these schools they strive to teach as the mind naturally acquires knowledge; reading by beginning with the word, and that a most familiar one, rather than the letter; spelling mainly by writing, since it is in writing that we most practice this art; arithmetic to the beginner, by the use of objects instead of abstract numbers, and to the more advanced scholar by requiring him to perform, without book to aid him those practical problems which he will be called upon to perform in after life in business; geography by giving in his own language descriptions of countries and imaginary or real journeys, illustrated by maps drawn from memory; history in like manner; grammar by requiring constantly the use of correct language in writing and speaking, with simple rules for the same; penmanship by requiring the written exercises and examinations, numerons as they are, to be executed in the best style.

These methods have been in use in an increasing degree in our schools for half a century or more. They were in part inaugurated by Pestalozzi in Switzerland a century ago, and are practiced in the best schools of Europe. They teach not merely words but ideas; they train not only the memory but the powers of observation and reasoning; they accustom the pupil to solve such prob-

lems and perform such tasks as the duties of life will require him to solve and perform.

It is when books and study are discarded and these methods are pursued without system that they cease to be effective. A teacher of the best possible attainments, with one, or at the most only two classes, might teach without books, but in our schools, as in most common schools, the book must be constantly used by all except possibly the youngest primary scholars, as a guide and manual, supplemented by entertaining illustration and lucid explanation from the teacher, who must know more of the subject than any one book can teach. It is in primary teaching that books are too often neglected and pupils not soon enough accustomed to their use.

I am glad to say that our teachers have most readily followed the suggestions of your superintendent and that in the primary schools an increased use of books has resulted in better order and more rapid and thorough progress. This is especially the case in the West Acton Primary.

At the beginning of the year there was not such uniformity in books used as is desirable, an attempt having been made to change old books gradually. So your committee made an arrangement with the Messrs. Harper whereby their geographies and Swinton's grammars have at slight expense been introduced in all the schools and are to be furnished at such a fixed price, for at least five years, as to save the parents several hundred dollars during that period.

III. How Can we Make our Schools more Efficient?

All of us, superintendent, committee, teachers and parents, must in every possible way try to arouse the enthusiasm and ambition of the scholars. While, in general the order of the schools has been excellent, there is room for improvement and it is the special business of the superintendent to see that it is made.

The greatest hindrance to the best progress is the constant evil of absence and tardiness. For the latter, there is seldom a good excuse. The former is sometimes caused by sickness, but in the weekly reports which the teachers have so faithfully made to me, the reason mos

frequently given is "kept at home to work." This sometimes seems necessary but can rarely be justifiable. There should be as long a vacation as possible in the busy season and parents should make any reasonable sacrifice for the sake of keeping their children regularly at school; for to be absent from a single recitation hinders the scholar's progress and that of his class, and to be absent, as many are, for days and weeks each term, is a most serious obstacle to the progress of the absentee's class, and renders it impossible for him to acquire any thorough knowledge or discipline.

Such a scholar will leave school so poorly equipped for life that any after acquisition of knowledge will be so difficult that what little he has learned will slip from him. Classes must not be kept back for absentees. Such must drop into lower classes. In school, they must be behind, as they will be in after life. It is no more what is learned at school that benefits, than it it is the patient, persevering application which the scholar who is regular in attendance cannot easily escape.

Parents, we can do little for your scholars unless you send them constantly and promptly to school.

But though we bring our schools to the highest degree of excellence they form but an imperfect system.

A town like Acton can afford her children a better education than her present schools can give and cannot afford to give them less than the best town schools in the state furnish; hence

IV. The Need of a High School.

Our citizens are largely men of moderate means, not rich enough to board their children away from home for a long course of study, but able to give them their time if they can be educated in their own town.

Situated near the large towns and cities, our sons and daughters must, in the battle of life, compete with those who are educated in the best schools. Are we giving them such an education as they need for the highest success in life?

Of the nine teachers employed the past term in Acton, not one was educated wholly in our schools. Four of them are residents of Acton, but they, as well as the other

five, completed their education in the high schools of other towns.

Among us are many young ladies, not attending school, earning little or nothing, who, if we give them a good high school education, will be able to take the places of these teachers when needed.

How many young men are we fitting for book-keepers, land surveyors, master mechanics, architects, civil engineers, teachers, master mariners, practical chemists, and scientific agriculturists? Yet a majority of the most successful men in these callings, and even many of our best clergymen, lawyers, and statesmen received no better education than a good high school can give.

Thirty-seven scholars from this town have attended various High Schools and Academies in other towns during the present school year, as reported to me by our committee.

This shows that a large number of our best citizens consider a common school education insufficient. Is there a parent in our town who does not desire for his child as good an education as any one of these thirty-seven are getting?

Yet even these thirty-seven could get a better education in a High School in our own town than they will get abroad. With ample time a longer and more thorough course of study would be taken. Let no parent think that he need look out for the higher education of only his own children. If your children, after their school days are over, live in Acton, as we hope they will, their daily and most intimate associates will not be the boys and girls they meet in those schools abroad, but their own town folk, and if you help educate your neighbor's children you indirectly educate your own, throw around all an atmosphere of culture and refinement, and make the social and intellectual life of our town richer, nobler and more stimulating.

Many of our scholars seem to lose their ambition on passing from the Primary to the Grammar School. The diploma at the end of the High School course, and the rigid examination for admission to said school would keep their ambition alive through both courses of study, and

awaken an enthusiasm in all the schools of our town such as I have seen aroused in other towns by such a school.

V. Remarks on the Various Schools.

North School.

The three terms were taught by Miss Viola S. Tuttle of Acton—her first attempt and a most successful one both as to discipline and instruction. The scholars obeyed readily and studied faithfully. The home influence mus be good.

East School.

Miss Susie A. Wetherbee of Acton taught the three terms with increasing success. Quick, energetic, thorough and systematic, she governed and instructed this school as few could. At the end of the fall term her pupils showed their appreciation of their teacher by presenting her a gold ring.

South East School.

The Spring and Fall terms were taught by Miss Ella E. Tuttle of Acton, and the winter term by Miss Minnie L. Fletcher of Littleton; both labored faithfully, and those scholars who attended regularly made good progress. At the end of one month the spring term was discontinued on account of scarlet fever.

Centre Primary.

This school has for several years been taught by Miss Bessie M. Ball of Acton. The visitor can hardly decide which he would rather be, the pupil of such a teacher or the teacher of such pupils; she has instilled into them such a spirit of obedience and love of learning, has taught them not merely to repeat words, but to observe, think and reason, and cares for their health by giving them frequent gymnastic exercises.

Early in the Spring term Miss Ball, on account of ill health, was obliged to take a vacation and did not resume her position until the next term. Miss Angie Hutchins of Acton completed the term very successfully.

Centre Grammar.

The Spring term was taught by Miss C. H. Allen of Acton and the Fall and Winter terms by Miss Jennie A. Hemenway of Framingham. The examination at the close of the year indicated faithful study and thorough instruction. The most of the scholars obeyed cheerfully, but a few of those boys who attended only the winter term became quite unruly near its close, and one of them, Warren Robbins, was expelled, after which, the order of the school was good. The excellent examination of a class of young ladies in history and physiology is worthy special mention.

Although these schools are smaller in number than the other graded schools in town, we earnestly advise that the two schools be continued. The Primary must be kept as a model, and those ambitious and faithful scholars in the Grammar School ought to be deprived of no opportunity that we can give them.

South Grammar.

The Spring and Fall terms were taught by Miss Ellen O. Clark of Sudbury, who labored faithfully, and the Winter term by Miss Emma C. B. Gray of Framingham. This school needs a teacher of firmness, energy and enthusiasm. Miss Gray possessed these qualities with fine scholarship, being a graduate of Framingham High School and Smith College. She had been assistant in an Academy, but had never had the management of a school and yet she succeeded in maintaining good order and inspired the school to study sufficiently to steadily gain in scholarship and pass quite a satisfactory examination. She has taken the position of teacher of Latin and Greek in an Academy in Pulaski, N. Y.

South Primary.

Miss Emma F. Esterbrook of Acton taught the three terms with excellent success, and at the close of the year valuable presents were given her by her scholars, real tributes of merited affection. The examination was remarkable for prompt, correct and distinct answers. The

large number from this school on the "Roll of Honor" speaks well for teacher, school, and parents.

West Acton Grammar.

For several years this school has been under the instruction of Miss Ada C. Davis of Acton. She was educated at Framingham Normal School, and teaches as thoroughly as she was taught. To hold every scholar to hard study and thorough work, and also maintain good order, as she does, severely tasks the endurance of the strongest, and within a few weeks of the completion of the year her health became such that she was obliged to resign her position. Miss Lillie R. Daniels of Framingham attempted to complete the term, but at the end of two weeks was obliged to discontinue her labors on account of sickness.

West Acton Primary.

Miss Ida B. Campbell of Marlboro, a graduate of one of our Normal Schools, commenced the Spring term, having taught the school the year before, but after a few days was obliged to take a vacation on account of sickness, and Miss M. B. Allen of Acton successfully completed the term. Miss Campbell resumed her position at the beginning of the Fall term and taught and governed the school most admirably, but soon after beginning the winter term resigned on account of ill health, and the term was most successfully completed by Miss S. J. Wyman of Westminister, who is a good instructor and an excellent disciplinarian.

Appended are the usual statistics and the "Roll of Honor."

For the Committee,

FREDERICK C. NASH,
Superintendent.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Acton:

Your School Committee respectfully submit the following report of receipts and expenditures, and for information respecting the condition of the schools refer you to the foregoing report of the Superintendent, and the tabular statement annexed.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

JOHN E. CUTTER, AGENT.

Drawn from treasury,	$790 00	
		$790 00
Paid teachers,	$606 60	
fuel and preparing it,	118 00	
care of house,	44 00	
incidentals,	9 82	
Balance on hand,	11 58	
		$790 00

SOUTH SCHOOL.

L. S. HOSMER, AGENT.

Received from town,	$790 00	
Balance from last year,	10 56	
		$800 56
To expenses around the building,	$5 00	
Paid Miss E. O. Clark,	198 00	
Emma Gray,	120 00	
Emma Estabrook,	284 00	
F. J. Wood, janitor,	71 00	
A. S. Fletcher, coal,	35 00	
Washing school house curtains,	5 00	
H. Gould, 1 cord wood,	3 00	
T. J. W, bill sundries,	11 28	$727 28
Amount due the district,		$68 28

WEST SCHOOL.

LUCY M. MEAD, AGENT.

Drawn from the treasury,	$790 00	
Balance from last year,	63 47	
		$853 47
Paid to teachers,	$634 00	
for fuel,	94 64	
care of house and furnace,	60 00	
incidentals,	3 16	
Balance on hand,	61 67	
		$853 47

W. Acton, March 20th, 1883.

NORTH SCHOOL.

J. W. DUPEE, AGENT.

Drawn from the treasury,	$350 00	
Balance from last year,	17 06	
		$367 06
Paid to teachers,	$257 00	
for fuel,	31 95	
care of house,	16 00	
Rep. boards,	6 30	
incidentals,	5 18	
Balance on hand,	50 63	
		$367 06

EAST SCHOOL.

GEORGE CHANDLER, AGENT.

Drawn from the treasury,	$350 00	
By paid Susan Wetherbee, 3 terms,	265 00	
coal for heating,	30 45	
wood,	7 50	
care of school house fires,	24 25	
rent for organ,	13 50	
key for door,	30	
J. W. Flagg, sundries,	6 75	
deficiency, 1882,	1 12	
Balance,	1 12	
		$350 00

SOUTH EAST SCHOOL.

CHAS. D. GRIGGS, AGENT.

Received from town,		$294 56
Cleaning and repairing buildings,	2 50	
Wood,	16 50	
Preparing wood,	6 50	
Paid Miss E. E. Tuttle,	126 00	
M. Fletcher,	98 00	
Care of school house,	5 00	
Incidentals,	2 34	
Balance on hand,	37 72	
		$294 56

Number of children between the ages of five and fifteen, 290

Sum raised by the town for each, $10.84

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. CUTTER, Chairman,
J. W. DUPEE, Clerk.
LUCY M. MEAD,
LUCIUS S. HOSMER,
CHARLES D. GRIGGS,
GEORGE CHANDLER,

School Committee of Acton.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of those who have been neither Absent or Tardy.

Centre Grammar.

One Term.	Two Terms.	Three Terms.
Arthur Allen,	Hattie E. Tuttie.	Susie E. Conant,*
Carleton Taylor,		Hattie Robbins.*
Henry Livermore,†		
Arthur Lane,†		
Lutie Conant,		
Ida Austin,*		
Lizzie Scofield,*†		
Grace E. Tuttle,†		
Annie J. Noyes†		

Centre Primary.

One Term.	Two Terms.	Three Terms.
Ollie D. Wood,†	May L. Calder,*†	Clara L. Hammond,
Jessie P. Wood,†	Nannie S. Nickerson,	Lottie G. Conant
S. Maud Purcell,†	C. Eugene Johnson,	
Robert Purcell,†	Wilinot E. Taylor*	
Millie E. Handley,	Carrie E. Taylor,*	
Harry B. Nickerson,	Clara B. Robbins,*	
Charlie I. Calder,†	Willie S. Johnson,†	
Jennie E. McCarthy,†		
Emma L. Noyes.		

West Grammar.

One Term.	Two Terms.
Ida Tuttle,	Hattie Davis,†
Ila Littlefield,	
Alberta Preston,	
Viola Preston,	
Gertie Cutler,†	
Alice Hoar,	
Bertha Wright,†	
Eddie Parker,*	
Clesson Parker,*	
Daniel Jones,	
Willie Hart,	
Guy Mead,*	
Eugene L. Hall.†	
Bertie D. Hall.†	

West Primary.

One term,	Two Terms.	Three terms.
Mary Frank Rich,	Carrie Gilmore,	Richard Davis,*
Lulu Lawrence†	Susie Poultney,	Willie Davis,*
Ray Littlefield,†*	Mabel Mead,*	Ida Richardson,
Willie Holt,*	Katie Parker,†	Alice Stone.
Sumner Teele.	Gertrude Stone,*	
	Elma Stone,†*	
	Fred Davis,*†	
	Charlie Decostar,*	
	John Hanaford,	
	Alfred Richardson,	
	Eddie Robinson.†	

South Grammar.

One Term.	Two Terms.	Three Terms.
Edith Bean,	Ada M. Jones,*	
Della Barker,†	Carrie Shapley,†	Sadie Sawyer.
Martha Pratt,	Willie Fletcher,†	
Mary May,*†	Nellie Culliane,†	
Mary McLaughlin,		
Cora M. Champion,		
Lilian Richardson,		
Francis Carroll,*†		
Levi L. Pratt,		
George Warren,		

East School.

One Term.	Two Terms.	Three Terms.
Blanche M. Basett,	Florence H. Flagg,	Mattie F. Smith,
Eva M. Hibbard.†*	La Roy Hanscom.†	Edwin F. Smith,†
Mary L. Nichols,†		Charlie E. Smith.
Arthur B. Davis,†		
Harry G. Robbins,		
Herbert H. Robbins,†		
Willie O. Smith,*		
Ernest E. Wetherbee,		
Roy G. Brooks,†*		
Carleton C. Conant†*		
Harry C. Estabrook.		

South Primary.

One Term.	Two Terms.	Three Terms.
Nellie Culliane,†	Della McLaughlin.	Jerry Bradley,
Mary May,	Dora Barker,	John May,
Maud Sawyer,	Olive Barker,	Harry Sawyer,
Mary McLaughlin,	Richard Murphy,†	Michael May,
Alice Hanson,		Frank Randall.†*
Evie Fletcher,		
Nellie Bradford,		
Susie Hayes,		
Ella Jacobs,		
Nora Connors,		
Ida Tapley,		
Julia Tapley,†		
Otis Ackerman,		
James Culliane,†		
Frank Farrar,		
Connie Connors*		
Willie Bradley,†		
Herman Farrar,†		
Harvey Tuttle,†		
Dennis Bradley,		
Herman Tapley,		

North School.

One Term.	Two Terms.
Mattie Randolph,	Augusta Smith,†
Ella Miller,	Grace Rouillard,
Georgie Harris,	Everett Wayne†
Irving Smith,	
Bertha Dupee.	

South East.

One Term,	Two Terms.
Lucy Haynes,	George B. Hooper,
Ada L. Griggs,†	Willie D. Hooper.
Willie E. Jones.	

Marked * Tardy only once. Marked † Absent not more than one day.

TABULAR VIEW.

SCHOOLS.		TEACHERS.	Length of School in months.	Wages per month.	Whole No. Scholars	Average Membership	Average attendance.	No under 5 years.	No. over 15 years.	No. between 8 and 14	Number of Visits.
		SPRING TERM.									
C'ntre	Grammar	Miss C H Allen	2¾		24	20.16	17 5-6				
	Primary	" B M Ball									
		" Angie Hutchins	2¾	$32 00	21	18.6	17.6	1	0	9	27
West	Grammar	" Ada C Davis	3	36 0	30	33.3	30.24	0	4	26	39
	Primary	" Ida B Campbell									
		" M B Allen	2¾	32 00	37	36⅛	34.76	0	0	13	32
South	Grammar	" Ellen O Clark	2¾		29	26.38	24.8	0	2	27	26
	Primary	" E F Estabrook	2¾	32 00	45	40.45	365-9	0	0	16	17
East		" S A Wetherbee	2¾	32 00	3	29.3	25.71	0	0	17	20
Southeast		" Ella E Tuttle	1	28 00	13	13	11.72				11
North		" Viola S Tuttle	2¾	28 00	12	11.6	10.56	0	2	7	24
		Totals,	23¼		244	229.06	209.77	1	8	115	96
		FALL TERM.									
C'ntre	Grammar	Miss J A Hemenway	2¾	$32 00	17	15.5	13.9	0	2	15	29
	Primary	" Bessie M Ball	2¾	32 00	23	19.8	18.91	0	0	20	64
West	Grammar	" Ada C Davis	3	36 00	30	30.5-6	27.23	0	4	23	24
	Primary	" Ida B Campbell	3	32 00	3	33.16	34.4	0	0	18	14
South	Grammar	" Ellen O Clark	2¾	36 00	29	16.08	16+	0	0	34	22
	Primary	" E F Estabrook	2¾	32 00	4	43	40.6	0	0	17	10
East		" S A Wetherbee	3	32 00	34	32.21	28.73	1	0	18	18
Southeast		" Ella E Tuttle	3½	28 00	15	14.7	14.14		0	8	49
North		" Viola S Tuttle	3	28 00	15	14.75	14.2	1	1	10	16
		Totals,	26½		250	222.98	208.56	3	7	50	246
		WINTER TERM.									
C'ntre	Grammar	Miss J A Hemenway	3½	$36 00	25	23.5	22.27	0	10	15	34
	Primary	" B M Ball	3½		20	20	19.3	0	0	13	29
West	Grammar	" Ada C Davis									
		" Lillie R Daniels	3	36 00	38	35.8	31.4	0	5	22	6
	Primary	" Ida B Campbell									
		" S J Wyman	3¾	34 00	42	40.5	36.99	0	0	24	38
South	Grammar	" E C B Gray	3	40 00	37	34.7	32.24	0	1	34	39
	Primary	" E F Estabrook	3	36 00	40	38.6	36.4	0	0	19	36
East		" S A Wetherbee	2¼	36 00	33	28¾	26.77	0	0	10	6
Southeast		" M L Fletcher	3½	28 00	15	13.03	11.71	2	2	13	4
North		" V S Tuttle	3	32 00	16	15.08	13.79	1	2	10	10
		Totals,	28½		266	249.96	230.85	3	0	60	202
		Aggregate for year.	78¼		763	702	649.18	7	35	425	644

REPORTS

—OF THE—

Selectmen and Other Officers

—OF THE—

TOWN OF ACTON,

FROM FEB. 26, 1883, TO FEB. 26, 1884, INCLUDING THE MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN 1883, ALSO THE REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1884.

TOWN CLERK.

William D. Tuttle.

SELECTMEN.

D. James Wetherbee, J. K. W. Wetherbee, Job W. Dupee.

ASSESSORS.

Wm. D. Tuttle, Phineas Wetherbee, Hiram J. Hapgood.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Elisha H. Cutler, Luke Blanchard, Julian Tuttle.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

John E. Cutter, 1y; Theron F. Newton, 1y; George Gardner, 2y; Theo. P. Goding, 2y; Oliver W. Dutton; 3y; Luke J. Robbins, 3y.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Charles Wheeler, Abram H. Jones, Isaac Reed, Elbridge J. Robbins, George R. Keyes, John Fletcher.

FENCE VIEWERS.

John R. Houghton, Nahum C. Reed, James B. Tuttle.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

William B. Davis, Edward F. Richardson, L. W. Stevens, George H. Harris, Charles B. Stone, Elbridge J. Robbins.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD.

Elbridge J. Robbins, Wm. B. Davis, Jona W. Loker, Geo. H. Harris, Chas. B. Stone, S. L. Dutton, Isaac W. Flagg, A. S. Fletcher, Chas. H. Taylor, M. E. Taylor, John F. Davis, E. F. Fuller.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

John Fletcher, William W. Davis, Levi W. Stevens.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

To Cash paid State Treasurer, State Tax,	$ 1,110 00	
" " County Treasurer, Co. Tax,	678 38	
" " on Selectmens' Orders,	13,353 35	
To Outstanding Orders,	1,120 94	
To Balance due the Town Feb, 26, 1884,	724 24	
		$16,986 91

Acton, Feb. 26, 1884.

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By Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 26, 1883,	$1,149 51	
Received of J. W. Dupee, Taxes 1882,	2,349 64	
Received of State Treasurer Corporation Tax,	855 17	
Received of State Treasurer National Bank Tax,	725 59	
Received of State Treasurer Relief of Indigent Soldiers,	158 00	
Received of State Treasurer for State Aid,	48 00	
Received of State Treasurer for support of State Paupers,	32 86	
Received of State Treasurer for Income of School Fund,	178 36	
Received of T. W. Hammond to Repair Road,	50 00	
Received of Daniel Harris, Borrowed Money	700 00	
Received of Concord Bank, Borrowed Money,	1,500 00	
Received of G. H. Warren for Rent of School Room,	33 00	
Received of Josep h Cole for Lots sold in Mount Hope Cemetery,	31 00	

Received of John Fletcher for Lots 3,7,8 in Woodlawn,	32 00	
Received for Rent of Town Hall,	65 00	
Received of Phineas Wetherbee for Force Pumps,	57 50	
Received of D. J. Wetherbee for do,	35 00	
Received of Charles Wheeler for Old Lumber,	4 50	
Received of John Fletcher for Lumber,	2 26	
Received of Moses A. Reed for do,	13 45	
Received of A. L. Noyes for Stone Step,	1 70	
Received of John E. Cutter, Collector of Taxes,	8,895 60	
Received for Interest on Money in Bank,	68 77	
		———$16,986 91

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid George Gardner, West District,		$ 790 00		
John E. Cutter, Centre	"	790 00		
Lucius S. Hosmer, South	"	790 00		
Job W. Dupee, North	"	350 00		
George Chandler, East	"	350 00		
Theadore P. Goding, S. E.	"	275 00		
			$3,345	00
High School,				
George Gardner,		255 00		
John E. Cutter,		240 00		
Lucius S. Hosmer,		240 00		
			$4,080	00

REPAIRS ON TOWN BUILDINGS.

Paid Levi Boles & Co. for Doors for Town Hall,	32	50
I. W. Flagg, for Hardware for Town Hall,	19	65
L. S. Hosmer, Mason work on South Acton School House, and Material,	33	55
Wm. W. Handley, Labor and Material Renovating Town Hall,	164	60
T. P. Goding, repairs on South East School House,	6	81
Mrs. E. F. Blood for labor and Material washing Town House,	25	00
Mrs. Lucy Mead for repairs on West Acton School House,	28	24
Charles L. Davis for Painting		

Town House,	87 08	
J. E. Cutter repairs on Centre School House,	47 13	
R. L. Reed repairing Settees and Cleaning Hall,	20 86	
I. W. Flagg for Paint and Varnish for Town Hall,	36 44	
Spofford Robbins, Labor on Town House '82 and '83,	31 65	
L. U. Holt, Stoves for South Acton School House,	59 32	
" " " " Centre School House,	51 79	
" " " " West School House,	116 98	
" " Repairs Town House furnace and stove,	17 30	
H. J. Hapgood for Chairs for Town House,	12 00	
L. U. Holt repairs on North School Furnace,	5 75	
E. H. Cutler Paint for Town Farm Buildings,	41 29	
" " Labor Painting same,	45 99	
George Chandler repairs on East School House,	6 75	
M. E. Taylor for Paints, Nails etc.,	2 02	
John E. Cutter, Mason work, and Settees, Centre District,	8 92	
		$900 62

REGULAR HIGHWAY WORK.

Paid Joseph F. Cole,	569 26	
Abraham H. Jones,	565 98	
Charles Wheeler,	597 16	
		$1,732 40

PRINTING.

Paid H. M. Smith, fish Permits,	$ 3 65	
W. N. Sharp, Printing Town Warrants,	2 00	
" " Printing 500 Reports,	10 00	
" " Printing Town Warrants,	4 00	
" " Print'g 600 Town Reports,	56 00	
" " Fish Permits,	2 75	
" " Treas. Orders,	1 50	
" " Warrants,	3 00	
P. Wetherbee, Printing Warrants,	3 00	
	———	$ 85 90

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid E. H. Cutler deficiency on Town Farm for year ending March 1, 1883,	$ 267 02	
Support of Clara Wheeler,	330 26	
" " Eliza Bergendahl,	180 88	
" " Ola Nelson,	49 90	
" " Gilman Newton,	86 25	
" " Mrs. Pike,	48 00	
Dr. Hutchins, attendance on Mrs. Pike,	4 50	
Dr. Sanders, medical attendance, on Andrew Connell,	16 00	
" " medical attendance on Mrs. Traner,	75	
Support of Joseph Martin,	9 71	
Dr. Hutchins, attendance on Joseph Martin,	7 00	
Support of John Quinlan,	12 72	
Dr. Whitney, attendance on John Quinlan,	12 15	
Support of Mrs. Raddin,	20 00	
" " Whitney	10 00	
" " Mrs. Wm. H. Murphy,	5 00	

Journey to Tewksbury,	7 50	
" " Lowell respecting Mrs. Raddin,	3 00	
" " Littleton respecting Gilman Newton,	1 50	
" " Boston respecting Martin,	2 00	
" " Boston respecting Connell,	2 00	
Stationery and Stamps,	1 50	
		$ 1,077 64

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid John Fletcher for Trees, Labor and Posts, Woodlawn cemetery,	$66 34	
" " Labor, cemetery,	63 50	
J. F. Cole for Trees, labor and making Deeds, Mt. Hope cemetery,	66 00	
		$195 84

STATE AID.

John Carroll,	96 00	
Allen G. Smith,	104 00	
Benjamin Skinner,	86 00	
George Dole,	48 00	
Mrs. R. C. Wright,	48 00	
Ola Nelson,	44 00	
		$426 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid L. U. Holt, Sealing, Weights and Measures,	9 00	
F. C. Nash, Supt., of Schools, year 1882,	90 00	
Phineas Wetherbee services as Assessor,	25 00	
H. J. Hapgood services as assessor,	20 00	
W. D. Tuttle, " "	30 00	
F. C. Nash in part payment for Supt., of Schools,	62 50	

J. W. Dupee, posting Warrants 1882 and 1883,	10 00	
W. D. Tuttle services as Town Clerk,	25 00	
D. J. Wetherbee services as Selectman,	85 00	
John White services as Selectman,	45 00	
Phineas Wetherbee services as Selectman,	45 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, Treasurer,	40 00	
		$486 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid James Kinsley, use of road for Hurley,	$8 00	
L. M. Ham & Co. for Fire Escape,	140 00	
National Manf. Co. for 27 Force Pumps,	131 22	
I. B. Perkins for Land Widening Road,	31 72	
J. E. Reed, Lumber tor Railing and Town House,	75 30	
Julian Tuttle, repairs on Town Clock,	6 25	
Josiah Shaw for building Powder Mill Bridge,	1,167 00	
National Manf. Co. for 10 Pumps,	48 60	
Concord Nat. Bank Int. on Temporary Loan,	23 25	
A. L. Tuttle for building Road,	100 00	
H. J. Hapgood, assessors' books,	2 75	
" " " Notices,	2 75	
Wm. D. Tuttle, copying Inventory,	7 50	
Silas Conant for moving and building wall near house of I. B. Perkins,	60 00	
A. L. Tuttle for building road,	300 00	
" " Stone bounds and setting,	5 00	
Daniel Harris for Note and Int.,	711 00	

Concord National Bank, Temporary Loan,	1500 00
J. F. Cole for building sluice in West Acton,	63 75
Charles Wheeler, Repairing Scraper,	4 00
" " for gravel,	7 05
" " scraper plate,	8 00
" " widening road near C. Harris,	42 00
" " Stone Bounds and setting,	2 62
" " nails and lumber for railings,	8 95
do Labor railing road near the house of I. W. Flagg and at Cemetery,	70 73
E. Jones for Lumber,	3 45
J. P. Brown, blacksmith bill,	3 90
Francis Jones, guide boards,	7 50
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee for tile for sluice,	34 30
Fletcher & Jones for lumber,	2 72
A. H. Jones, Widening road near Anson Piper,	34 25
do for railing roads,	12 23
do for labor on Powder Mill Bridge,	38 04
S. B. Harris, breaking roads '82,	1 76
Julian Tuttle, care Town Hall and Clock,	21 46
Reuben L. Reed,	27 99
L. E. Reed, attending 29 burials,	87 00
" " making 33 death returns,	8 25
Wm. D. Tuttle, surveying and making plan of West Acton Cemetery, and surveying roads and making deeds.	27 75
Journey to Concord,	1 50

Wm. D. Tuttle, meeting tax Commissioners,	2 00	
" " Assessor's book,	2 00	
" " Postage,	1 08	
" " Expense charges,	1 92	
" " Collecting Births,	14 50	
" " Recording Marriages,	3 00	
" " Recording thirty-five Deaths,	5 50	
Anson C. Piper for Land,	10 00	
Luther Davis for wood for Town House,	5 00	
John E. Cutter discount on taxes,	531 60	
" " Abatement of "	36 00	
do notifying officers to take oath of office,	2 50	
I. W. Flagg, bolts and iron for railing,	21 41	
D. J. Wetherbee, advertising, paints, oil and express,	8 84	
John Fletcher, repairing pump,	2 00	
	———	$ 5,489 39

Unexpended balance of last year including Bounty tax,	$6,430 64
Town charges,	3,500 00
For Roads,	1,600 00
" Schools,	3,000 00
" High Schools,	800 00
State tax,	1,110 00
County tax,	678 38
Overlay,	71 62
Corporation tax,	850 99
National bank tax,	725 59
State aid,	48 00
Relief of indigent soldiers,	158 00
Support of State paupers,	32 86
Rent of South Acton School House,	33 00
J. F. Cole, lots sold in Mt. Hope cemetery,	31 00
T. W. Hammond, to be expended on ledge,	50 00
Interest on money in bank,	68 77
Charles Wheeler, old lumber,	4 50
Daniel Harris, borrowed money,	700 00
Concord bank, " "	1,500 00

Amos L. Noyes, stone step,	1 70	
Use of Town Hall,	65 00	
For Force Pump,	92 50	
State School fund,	178 36	
John Fletcher, lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery,	32 00	
Corporation tax,	4 18	
		$21,767 09
Received of John Fletcher, lumber,	2 26	
" " Moses A. Reed, "	13 45	
		$21,782 80

RECEIPTS FROM FEBRUARY 26, 1883 TO FEBRUARY 26, 1884.

Unexpended balance as per report of February, 26, '83, including Bounty Tax,	$ 6,430 64	
Appropriations and receipts,	15,352 16	
		$21,782 80

EXPENDITURES.

Support of Schools,	4,080 00	
" " Poor	1,077 64	
Repairs on Town Buildings,	900 62	
Regular Highway Work,	1,732 40	
State Aid,	426 00	
Town Officers.	486 50	
Printing,	85 90	
Cemetery Expenses.	195 84	
Miscellaneous "	5,489 39	
State Tax,	1,110 00	
County "	678 38	
		$16,262 67
Amount due the Town from Collectors and Treasurer,	5,520 13	
Deduct Bounty tax,	4,000 00	
Balance in favor of the Town,	1,520 13	

D. J. WETHERBEE,
JOHN WHITE,
PHINEAS WETHERBEE,
} Selectmen of Acton.

Acton, February 26, 1884.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

FOR 1883.

REGISTRY OF BIRTHS IN ACTON FOR 1883.

No.	Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.
1.	Jan. 28,	John Edward Reilly,	son of Patrick and Katie Reilly.
2.	Jan. 29,	Pierre Raymond Nelson,	son of Oscar P. and Mary Ann Nelson.
3.	Feb. 21,	Howard Wood,	son of Isaac and Mary F. Wood.
4.	Feb. 22,	Ruth Louise Piper,	daughter of Anson C. and Ellen L. Piper.
5.	March 16,	Winifred Lovering,	son of Lowell C. and Julia Lovering.
6.	April 16,	Henrietta Frances Wood,	daughter of Edward and Henrietta F. Wood.
7.	April 21,	Estelle Louise Priest,	daughter of George E. and Alice G. Priest.
8.	April 26,	Harvey Wheeler,	son of Jairus C. and Alice M. Wheeler.
9.	May 7,	Lulu Knowlton,	daughter of Amasa M. and Elizabeth F. Knowlton.
10.	July 1,	Helen Margaret Warren,	daughter of William S. and Rosa E. Warren.
11.	July 4.	Franklin S. T. Brown,	son of Samuel T. and Henrietta C. Brown.
12.	July 14,	Fannie Edna Teele,	daughter of Wm. H. and Mary E. Teele.
13.	July 20.	Bertie Leon Johnson,	son of Nathan and S. Maria Johnson.
14.	August 7,	Charles William Kane,	son of Edward and Ann Kane.
15.	Sept. 13,	Ethel Gowen,	daughter of John C. and Laura B. Gowen.
16.	Sept. 15,	Ralph Waldo Lawrence,	son of Austin E. and Mary J. Lawrence.
17.	Sept. 15,	Olive May Knowlton,	daughter of Ancil W. and Lizzie M. Knolton.
18.	Sept. 21,	Florence Piper Tuttle,	daughter of H. Waldo and Lizzie S. Tuttle.

19 & 20. Sept. 27, Julia O'Neil and Jennie O'Neil, twin daughters of Patrick and Hannah O'Neil.
21. Oct. 8, George Howard Cole, son of George Wm. and Anna Z. Cole.
22. Oct. 16. John Boylen, son of James and Sarah Boylen.
23. Oct. 26, Clifton Harland Chadwick, son of Cyrus W. and Helen B. Chadwick.
24. Oct. 29, Nellie Gertrude Hanaford, daughter of John H. and Mary J. Hanaford.
25. Nov. 21, Albert M. Horslin, son of George A. and Delia H. Horslin.
26. Nov. 22, Mary Elizabeth Davis, daughter of John and Elizabeth B. Davis.
27. Nov. 26, Gracie Evelyn Nash, daughter of Winslow and Josephine Nash.
28. Dec. 4, Ralph Barton Sanders son of Dr. Charles B. and S. Lizzie Sanders.
29. Dec. 13, Zelma Juliet Goding, daughter of Theodore P. and Ella F. Goding.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN ACTON IN 1883.

No.	Date of Marriage.	Names and Residence of Parties.
1.	Feb. 10,	Mr. Edward Wood and Miss Henrietta F. Sawyer, both of Acton.
2.	Mar. 29,	Mr. Manoel DeSonza of Acton, and Miss Isabel E. Silver of Newton.
3.	Apr. 5,	Mr. Roswell L. Tuttle and Miss Anna B. Simpson both of Acton.
4.	Apr. 10,	Mr. Samuel B. Harris of Acton and Miss Harriet L. Lane of Taunton.
5.	Apr. 10,	Mr. Francis Robbins and Mrs. M. Lizzie Hutchins, both of Acton.
6.	Apr. 25,	Mr. James A. Devarne and Miss Margaret Maillian, both of Acton.
7.	June 16,	Mr. Charles H. Mead of Acton, and Miss Jennie F. Bruce of Groton.
8.	July 15,	Mr. Charles H. Moore of Boxborough, and Miss Alice M. Shackford of Concord, N. H.
9.	Aug. 11,	Mr. Franklin P. Young of Acton, and Miss Mary O. Grady of Boston.
10.	Sept. 3,	Mr. Oswald L. Dart of Acton and Miss Cora A. Cooper of Methuen.
11.	Sept. 12,	Mr. Edgar H. Hall and Miss Angie Hutchins both of Acton.
12.	Oct. 5,	Mr. Hiram B. Butters and Mrs. Nettie R. Berry both of Maynard.

13. Oct. 6, Mr. Charles B. Cilley and Mrs. Addie A. McMonagle both of Lowell.
14. Oct. 27, Mr. Orin L. Blanchard and Miss Mary J. Green both Acton.
15. Nov. 7, Mr. Lewis C. Hastings of Acton, and Miss Emma Frances Brown of Stow.
16. Nov. 17, Mr. George V. Mead and Miss Effie R. Wright both of Acton.
17. Nov. 28, Mr. Jeremiah Mc Carthy and Miss Hannah Moore both of Acton.
18. Nov. 29, Mr. Frank S. Everett of Nashua, and Miss Florence B. Perkins of Acton.
19. Dec. 25, Mr. Isaiah W. McLaughlin and Miss Maggie A. Young both of Acton.
20. Dec. 29, Mr Freeman Williams and Mrs. Etta E. Pelton both of Acton.

DEATHS RECORDED IN ACTON IN 1883.

No. Date of Death. Name and Age of Deceased.

1. Jan. 19, Miss Ida J. Tuttle, daughter of Joseph F. and Jennie E. Tuttle, aged 14 years 5 months 24 days.
2. Jan. 24, Mr. George F. Flagg, 35 y. 4 m. 20 d.
3. Jan. 24, Mr Simon Robbins, 51 y. 10 m. 14 d.
4. Jan. 24, Mrs Harriet H. Mason, 59 y. 11 m. 12 d.
5. Jan. 31, Mr Levi Barnard, 82 y. 3 m.
6. Feb. 8, Mrs Lydia Lucinda Fletcher, 78 y. 3 m.
7. Feb. 23, Mrs Mary Lane, wife of Morris Lane, 47 y.
8. March 7, Leonard A. Phalen, son of Edwin H. and Hattie D. Phalen, 3 m.
9. March 8, Mrs. Mary Grimes, wife of John Grimes, 62 y. 2 m. 11 d.
10. Mar. 30, Mrs Matilda Comstock, 78 y. 6 m.
11. April 4, Mrs Celia E. Whitney, wife of Dr. F. W. Whitney, 34 y.
12. April 7, Mrs Harriet E. Hosmer, wife of Simon Hosmer, 77 years.
13. April 22, Mrs Henrietta F. Wood, wife of Edward Wood, 21 y. 1 m. 28 d.
14. April 27, Mr Thomas P. Sawyer, 64 y. 10 m. 21 d.
15. April 27, Mrs Mary Ann Piper, wife of Josiah Piper, 76 y. 7 m.
16. April 29, Harvey Wheeler, son of Jairus C. and Alice M. Wheeler, 3d.
17. May 29, Mrs Agnes Burnham, 28 y., at Antrim, N. H.
18. May 30, Mr George Watson, 73 y. 10 m.
19. June 19, Mrs Lydia B. Piper, widow of Luther W. Piper, 48 y. 6 m. 26 d.

20. June 23, Grace M, daughter of Amos H, and Etta C. Hayward, 1 y. 2 m. 3 d.
21. July 6, Daniel Wetherbee, Esq., 68y. 10 m. 19 d.
22. July 18, Mrs Harriet E. Jones, wife of Abram H. Jones, 57 y. 2 m.
23. July 25, Mrs. Lucy F. Dole, widow of Joseph Dole, 63 y. 5 m. 16 d.
24. July 29, Mrs Mary M. Mills, wife of Jas. I. Mills, 28 y. 3 m.
25. August 11, Miss Nellie Grace Fletcher, daughter of Lewis E. and Lucy E. Fletcher, 15 y. 11 m.
26. August 26, Mr. Sumner F. Reed, 29 y. 10 m.
27. Aug. 29, Mrs Myra Dwinells, 79 y.
28. Aug. 30, Mr Tilly Robbins, 81 y. 1 m. 15 d.
29. Oct. 17, Miss Catherine M. Wellington, 50 y. 3 d.
30. Oct. 18, Mrs. Mary Ann Nelson, wife of Oscar P. Nelson, 34 y. 1 m. 1 d.
31. Oct. 31, Mr. Andrew Connell, at Tewksbury, 21 y.
32. Nov. 25, Minnie Murphy, daughter of William H. and Mary Jane Murphy, 2 m. 18 d.
33. Dec. 3, Mrs Margaret Eager, 62 y. 5 m. 6 d.
34. Dec. 19, Mr. Jeremiah H. McCarthy, son of Daniel and Mary McCarthy, 21 y. 2 m. 12 d.

AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM LICENSES OF DOGS SINCE LAST REPORT.

ON TAX OF 1882:

Mrs. Eliza Wheeler,	$2 00
Edward Wood,	5 00
Moses Taylor,	2 00
Total,	$9 00

ON TAX OF 1883:

M. Augusta Hosmer,	$2 00	Jairus C. Wheeler,	5 00
Moses A. Reed,	2 00	Edward Wood,	5 00
Antoine Bulette,	2 00	T. P. Goding,	2 00
Wm. D. Tuttle,	2 00	George Pratt,	7 00
Jeremy Austin,	2 00	James Baker,	2 00
Chas. J. Williams,	2 00	Willis L. Mead,	2 00
Alonzo L. Tuttle,	2 00	Isaac Wood,	7 00
John Temple,	2 00	Webster C. Robbins,	2 00
Mrs. Geo. T. Flagg,	2 00	Joseph Bassett,	2 00
George C. Conant,	2 00	James Tuttle,	2 00
E. F. Fuller,	2 00	Francis Conant,	2 00
Chas. H. Mead,	2 00	Michael Hannon,	2 00
Frederic Rouillard,	5 00	J. K. W. Wetherbee,	2 00
Frank E. Harris,	2 00	Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee,	4 00
John Hanaford,	2 00	Elnathan Jones,	6 00
James E. Harris,	2 00	Chas. A. Taylor,	2 00
Hanson Littlefield,	2 00	Otis H. Forbush,	2 00
A. W. Gardner,	2 00	George R. Keyes,	2 00
John Fletcher,	2 00	Daniel McCarthy,	2 00
A. Lucien Noyes,	2 00	G. H. S. Houghton,	2 00
G. H. Waugh,	2 00	Solon A. Robbins,	2 00
Dr. Chas. B. Saunders,	2 00	George W. Livermore,	2 00
Frank Wetherbee,	2 00	John Kelly,	2 00
D. J. Wetherbee,	2 00	Cyrus Hayward,	2 00
Andrew F. Priest,	2 00	Lucius S. Hosmer,	2 00
Theron F. Newton,	2 00	Chas. H. Wheeler,	5 00
A. H. Gilmore,	2 00	Edwin Tarbell,	2 00
Chas. J. Holton,	5 00	E. A. Randall,	2 00
L. E. Allen,	2 00	Jas. D. Coburn,	2 00
Luke Tuttle,	2 00	M. E. Taylor,	2 00
Walter C. Gardner,	2 00	Forbush & Hartwell,	5 00
J. W. Dupee,	2 00	J. E. Reed,	2 00
J. H. McCarthy,	2 00	Isaac Barker,	2 00
C. A. Harrington,	2 00	E. J. Robbins,	2 00
Henry Hanson,	2 00	Hiram Walker,	2 00
Lester N. Fletcher,	2 00	John C. Gates,	2 00
Geo. C. Wright,	2 00	Mrs. Eliza Wheeler,	2 00
Mrs. H. M. Beck,	2 00	Herman Chaplin,	2 00
Fred S. Whitcomb,	2 00	Thos Calder,	2 00
Ed. O'Neil,	2 00	James Tobin,	4 00
J. W. Aldrich, jr.	2 00	A. Risso,	2 00
Chas. D. Griggs,	2 00	Const O'Neil,	2 00
Luther Conant,	2 00	F. R. Knowlton,	2 00
Chauncey B. Robbins,	2 00	Taylor Bros. & Co.,	2 00
George Conant,	2 00	Sylvester Haynes,	2 00
Moses Taylor,	2 00	Jos. F. Cole,	2 00
Anson C. Piper,	2 00	James Kinsley,	2 00
Mrs. Jarvis Williams,	2 00	Nahum Littlefield,	2 00
John Welch,	2 00	Geo. A. Smith,	2 00

Total Number of Males, 98 at $2.00,	$196 00
Females, 9 at 5.00,	45 00
Whole amount,	$241 00

WILLIAM D. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

Acton, March 10, 1884.

REPORT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE ALMSHOUSE IN ACTON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

ARTICLES ON HAND MARCH 1, 1884.

8 cows,	$400 00
1 horse,	200 00
13 tons hay,	234 00
5 cwt straw,	3 00
lot bags,	5 00
3 bags meal,	3 75
12 cwt. shorts,	15 00
22 hens,	11 00
2 pigs,	25 00
wagon,	100 00
75 barrels,	11 25
4 market boxes,	50
100 bushels potatoes,	40 00
7 bushels small potatoes,	2 75
cider,	4 00
2 cider barrels,	2 00
15 gallons soap,	2 25
2 lbs. butter,	66
salt,	$ 25
apples,	4 00
100 lbs. salt pork,	14 00
eggs,	88
kerosene,	48
10 lbs. corned beef,	80
crackers,	3 00
beans,	1 75
spices,	1 00
molasses,	75
rye meal,	1 50
matches,	25
tea,	60
hard soap,	40
15 cords wood cut for stove,	70 00
	$1,159 82

EXPENSES.

Paid for flour,	$ 46 23	beans,	6 65
grain,	306 93	salt,	81
meat,	65 46	pepper,	14
sugar,	16 11	ginger,	7
clothes & clothing,	43 64	medicine,	1 50
crackers,	29 70	rye meal,	1 56
cheese,	7 78	garden seeds,	63
candles,	15	twine,	6
butter,	46 20	tomato plants,	25
cream tartar,	59	glass,	40
snuff,	46	saleratus,	40
starch,	18	barrels,	4 32
grass seed,	1 00	raisins,	1 66
oat meal,	2 39	chimneys,	41
phosphate,	10 28	lamps,	40
fish,	13 86	comb,	12
wash tubs,	4 75	tin ware,	7 75
coffee,	7 30	bluing,	10
brooms,	1 27	rolling pin,	17
mustard,	65	tacks,	43
d. apple,	1 59	clothes pins,	25
scythes,	3 60	brushes,	1 63
whetstones,	55	clothes lines,	60
scythe snaths,	1 40	curtains,	1 56
paris green,	28	shovel,	75
yeast,	63	saw,	83
molasses,	8 26	cattle cards,	45
lard,	7 23	knife,	22
essences,	75	chains,	95
shoes,	5 65	currants,	44
vinegar,	75	hoes,	66
soap,	10 74	sad iron,	37
stove polish,	23	chalk,	6
nails,	1 86	lounge,	8 00
spices,	1 31	pork,	50
oil,	1 08	lime,	10
tea,	15 55	baskets,	28
pails,	2 15	bag,	25
matches,	50	scraps,	64
shells,	32	jug,	30
sulphur,	28	horse blanket,	2 25
rake,	25	clothes dryer,	1 00
crockery,	3 52	table,	2 75
horse radish,	10	whiting,	15
bean pot,	20	brick,	8

harrow,	2 50	cider,	4 90
seed potatoes,	7 75	cider barrel,	1 00
pigs,	22 00	lumber,	1 08
repairing harnesses,	7 50	filing saws,	45
use of oxen,	5 00	blacksmith's bill,	14 05
onions,	1 00	cows,	155 00
use of bull,	3 00	Dr. Sanders' bill,	3 50
advertisements,	3 75	labor,	145 44
straw,	4 80	Services of J. Austin, wife and son,	25 00
whitewashing,	2 40	W. Bemis & wife,	206 25
wheelwright bill,	2 45	E. H. Cutler,	45 00
pump and repairs,	12 80	Luke Blanchard,	10 00
castings,	3 95	Julian Tuttle,	12 00
stove and repairs,	7 55		
copper tank,	3 25		
killing hog,	1 25		$1,436 23

RECEIPTS FROM TOWN FARM FROM MARCH 1, 1883, TO MARCH FIRST, 1884.

Received for milk,	622 26	Received for old iron,	65
apples,	594 59	board of Joseph Martin,	9 71
peaches,	13 28	flour,	5 93
cows,	187 84	eggs,	15 45
calves,	6 50	tomatoes,	25
berries,	5 91		
potatoes,	3 70		
birch poles,	8 00	Receipts,	$1,474 07

Expenditures,		1,436 23
Income more than expenditures,		$37 84
Interest on farm,	$240 00	
Cash due treasury,	37 84	
	$202 16	
Victualing 170 tramps @ 40c.,	68 00	
Cost of supporting poor on farm,	$134 16	

Whole number of persons exclusive of tramps, supported in almshouse, 8; average number, 5: present number, 5.

E. H. CUTLER,
LUKE BLANCHARD,
JULIAN TUTTLE,
Overseers of Poor.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX SS.

To John E. Cutter, Constable of the Town of Acton, in said County. GREETING :

You are hereby required. in name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton to meet at the Town Hall on Monday the seventh day of April next, at one o'clock in the Afternoon, by posting copies of this Warrant, by your attested, at the Post Office in the centre of the Town, and also at the stores of Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, Taylor Bros. & Co., and Isaac W. Flagg, in said town, seven days at least before the time appointed for said meeting, then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz.

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2nd. To choose all necessary town officers.

Art. 3rd. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of Seventy-five dollars for decoration day, and pay the same to Isaac Davis Post.

Art. 4th. To see if the town will purchase a new hearse, and purchase runners for the old one.

Art. 5th. To see what amount of money the Town will raise to defray town charges the present year.

Art. 6th. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year and how it shall be divided.

Art. 7th. To see if the town will raise the sum of Eight Hundred dollars for support of High School.

Art. 8th. To see what amount of money the town will raise to repair its roads the present year.

Art. 9th. To see if the town will choose a Superintendent of Burials.

Art. 10th. To see if the town will instruct their School Committee to choose a Superintendent of schools.

Art. 11th. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money for the town if neccesary.

Art. 12th. To consider and act upon the acceptance of the Jury List as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 13th. To see if the town will widen the road near house of Mrs. Warner, or pass any votes thereon.

Art. 14th. To see if the town will vote to accept of the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, and other Town Officers.

Art. 15th. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town the present year? vote by ballot yes and no.

Art. 16th. To see if the town will abate the amount of forty-two dollars and sixty-two cents submitted to Job W. Dupee for collection.

Art. 17th. To see if the town will purchase a new road machine.

Art. 18th. To hear and act upon report of the selectmen in relation to grave stones for its soldiers.

Art. 19th. To see if the Town will widen the street leading from the Turnpike near the house of Luke Blanchard, and extend the same to the South Acton road near the Cemetery, or take any action thereon.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant to us with your doings thereon at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this the twenty-second day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

D. J. WETHERBEE,
J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
J. W. DUPEE,
} Selectmen of Acton.

A true copy. Attest :

Constable of Acton.

REPORT

—OF THE—

School Committee

—OF THE—

TOWN OF ACTON

—FOR THE—

SCHOOL YEAR, 1883 - 84.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The purpose of education is not only to impart knowledge but so to train the physical, intellectual and moral faculties of our children that they may become healthy, capable, honest men and women and good citizens.

While health of body and strength of morals must mainly depend upon inherited tendencies and home training, yet a good school may do much to supplement home work. Our commodious school houses are well warmed and ventilated, and our intelligent teachers vary the monotony of recitations and the unhealthfulness of sitting, by frequent gymnastic and musical exercises, which allay nervousness and promote cheerfulness and good health.

The teacher may do much to train the conscience and inculcate kindness and all the manly and womanly virtues, not only by the constant power of example, but by responding to the love of children for stories, and in many other ways. I believe the moral influence in our schools is good.

There is however, one subject in this connection that demands special remark. The high position Acton has taken as a temperance town requires that she be not behind in temperance work. No man wishes his son to become intemperate. The best safeguard against it is to see to it that every boy and girl in our schools be taught the baneful effects of alcohol on body and mind. A few lessons in connection with the study of physiology will accomplish this.

But the main purpose of schools is to train the intellect and impart knowledge. Parents have not time for this work. It must be done in the schools. It has been given up almost wholly to them. They must then do the work thoroughly or it will not be done. In my last year's report were remarks on the studies to be pursued in our common schools and the methods of teaching them. Our teachers have faithfully and efficiently practiced those methods with excellent results. The frequent reviews and

written examinations wherein each scholar is required to write the whole lesson in his own words without book to aid, has induced hard study and accurate knowledge, with facility of expression. Such an exercise is a lesson not only in the subject taught, but also the best possible drill in spelling, grammar, composition and penmanship.

The increased use of books in the primary classes has made the instruction more thorough and good discipline easier. The best way to keep a young scholar still, is to keep him while in the school room busy in recitation, or with book or slate. But the book is the mere skeleton which the teacher must clothe with life and beauty. In each grade the teacher must know all in the book and more, and must be able to conduct the recitation with book closed and with rapidity. Let each member of the class feel that he is liable at any moment to be called upon to finish his classmate's answer. Thus attention is secured.

During the last two years the text books in grammar, geography and reading have been exchanged at slight expenses to the town [less than fifty dollars] and made uniform, and parents obliged to buy books, have, by a contract made by us with the publishers, been able to get them at one-third less expense than formeraly. I have no further changes to recommend.

Discipline.

What has been the standard of order or behavior in our schools during the past year, is a question of prime importance.

I am glad to say that with a few exceptions it has been excellent.

A daily record of the deportment of each scholar has been kept by the teachers and reported to me every three weeks. The result of these reports is embodied in the annexed table, the number five indicating a perfect deportment for the whole year. No doubt some teachers have been more exacting than others, but on the whole, the marking is a very fair indication of the behavior of each scholar.

Should this system be persevered in and the result inserted in each annual report, disobedience will become rare, for it keeps before teachers, superintendent, and committtee the names of offenders, and enables them to

apply discipline just where and when it is needed. Besides the system is a powerful incentive to the scholar to beware of his behavior so as to have a good record. In each of the two schools which have been at all disorderly the trouble has been caused almost wholly by the half dozen scholars whose deportment is lowest, and they must be thoroughly reformed the very first week of next term. Let their parents assist and the work will be quickly and easily done.

Tardiness and Absence.

While there has been on the whole much less of these evils than last year, there is much room for improvement and we must all aim to secure the highest possible standard. Scholars are often tardy, absent, or dismissed, when one or both parents know not of it.

A system of frequent reports sent to parents will tend to suppress this evil if they will co-operate. Let us now glance at the different schools.

Center Primary.

This school has been so much praised that it is difficult to say anything new about it. Teacher and pupils deserve all the encomiums that have been bestowed on them.

Although our other primary schools are most admirably taught, this school holds the high place it has so many years occupied and it is to be hoped that Miss Ball may long be retained as its teacher.

The parents showed their appreciation of her worth by presenting her at the annual examination with a costly and appropriate present.

Center Grammar.

Miss Jennie A. Hemmenway of Framingham, taught the Spring and Fall terms very successfully and received beautiful presents from her pupils, but declined to take the Winter term, so Miss Bessie R. Brackett of Winchester was employed to complete the year.

She is a thorough scholar, having had an excellent training in the schools of her own town and graduated from a four years course at one of our Normal Schools. It was hoped that although of limited experience she would manage the school successfully. The general order of the school was not bad, and the persistent disobedience of a

few prevented its being good. We gave her prompt aid when called upon, but it is useless to expect a first-class school when made up largely of scholars who are sent to school only one term in a year and irregularly at that. Yet some of these one term scholars study well and made as good progress as could be expected. All interested must resolve that this school shall be made to take high rank, and if parents will keep their scholars at school regularly it can be done.

North School.

Miss Viola S. Tuttle of Acton has completed her second year as teacher of this school. The examination at the close of the year was a most successful one. This is one of the few schools in which we have never been called upon to reprimand a scholar. Parents, teacher and scholars have done their duty well.

East School.

Miss Susie A. Wetherbee deserves all the praise given her last year. The school was a very successful one. The expenses incurred in care of room, and running the furnance, shortened the last term, but notwithstanding the limited time for review, the examination showed good progress and thorough training.

More money should be appropriated to this school.

South East.

Miss Elsie Willoughby of New Hampshire, taught the Spring term. She is a fine scholar but her youth and inexperience were not equal to the task. The Fall and Winter terms were taught by Miss Bertha Manley of Brockton, Mass. Having had a thorough Normal training and several terms of experience she succeeded in keeping a good school and the examination was very successful considering the frequent absence and tardiness of many scholars.

South Grammar.

Miss Minnie Mains of Framingham taught the three terms. She is a good teacher and disciplinarian. The general order of the school was very good. The bad deportment of a few scholars, near the end of the last term [and the table shows who they are] hurt the good name of the school and interfered with its success. At the end of the fall term her pupils gave her some fine presents.

South Primary.

Miss Emma F. Estabrook of Acton has completed her second year with this school, with excellent success, which is the result of her firmness, kindness and ability to teach. The School gave her some fine presents.

West Grammar.

Miss S. J. Wyman of Westminster has taught the whole year most successfully.

The excellent maps drawn on the boards examination day, without atlas to guide, were the result of much practice. In no school in town is more hard study done than in this one, and the discipline has been excellent.

West Primary.

Miss Lettie F. Newton of Hudson taught the three terms with unusual success, the school being a very large one. One exercise deserves marked attention—the compositions written by the two higher classes, not disquisitions on subjects beyond their years, but interesting and instructive stories told or read to them by their teacher, and afterwards written by them in blank books in their own words and read to the audience examination day.

The High School.

This school may now be considered a permanent part of our system of education and how to make it the greatest benefit to the whole town deserves careful consideration.

Established so unexpectedly, and not until several scholars had made arrangements to attend elsewhere, it did not immediately and wholly arrest that exodus to the schools of other towns which has done so much to weaken our schools, and it became necessary to admit scholars who had not fully completed the regular grammar school course. But at the next term older scholars came in and during the year the school has numbered about 48 different scholars, of whom one-third would probably have gone elsewhere but for this school, one-third have remained in the grammar schools, and one-third would not have attended school at all.

It seems to me that those common English branches usually taught in our Grammar and mixed schools ought to be nearly completed in them, in order that scholars may receive as much as possible of their education near home,

the grade of the High School be kept well up to the standard of the best High Schools, and the necessity of having an assistant be avoided.

It will be necessary for the committee and superintendent to fix the standard for admission, have a public written examination of candidates, and adhere firmly to such standard.

The course of study for this school deserves much thought.

I recommend that it be one of three years, that it comprise a thorough drill in Book-keeping, Algebra, Geometry, Ancient and Modern History, English Literature, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, the Constitution and Government of the United States, and such other branches as are usually taught in High Schools, including French and Latin, but that no one be required to study the languages in order to graduate, a special clause however, to be inserted in the diplomas of those who take the languages. In short let the English course be required, and that in other languages be optional.

The High School is the College of the common people. The standard for admission to our colleges has been put so high, opportunity to earn money by teaching denied, and the expense so much enhanced, that few young men can afford the requisite time and money to take the regular college course, especially where three years more must be taken in special instruction for some business or profession. I concede the value of a college course, but not one per cent of the people of Acton ever have or ever will go through college. The High School then must be the common resort for a liberal education. It will raise up between a rich and highly cultured aristocracy and the uncultured masses, a middle class of ambitious young men and women who will be the saving of the nation.

Liberal education of the people is one of the strongest safeguards against the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of the few. Let then no poor man, no rich man who loves his country, vote against the High School.

But let us make our High School even more popular. Let us avoid discussion about location which at present is needless, and if need be appropriate a small sum to pay the expense of conveyance of scholars, as they do in Concord. It would be cheaper than to erect a needless building. With

a spare schoolroom in each village, and cheap transportation by rail between the West and South, the question of location need not trouble us for years to come.

The High School scholars deserve special praise for excellent deportment and close application.

We were fortunate in securing Mr. H. H. Williams as teacher, and he is engaged for another year.

The examination showed hard study and faithful instruction. The school presented their teacher a costly six volume edition of Shakespeare in token of their appreciation of his worth.

In conclusion let me say that the committee have not sought to favor relatives or friends but have tried to employ the very best teachers to be obtained. We enter upon the new school year under the most favorable auspices.

Appended is the usual tabular statement, and the report of attendance and deportment.

For the Committee,
FREDERICK C. NASH, Superintendent.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Acton :

The undersigned School Committee of Acton respectfully submit the following report of receipts and expenditures for the year and for a statement of the condition of the schools refer you to the superintendent's report and annexed tables.

JOHN E. CUTTER, Chairman.
J. W. DUPEE, Clerk.
GEO. CHANDLER.
GEO. GARDNER.
LUCIUS S. HOSMER.
T. P. GODING.

Acton Mar. 26, 1884.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Received from Town,		$800 00
Paid H. H. Williams, Teacher,	$720 00	
A. S. Fletcher for Coal,	9 90	
For 2 Settees and Teaming Seats,	9 06	
Mr. Wood, Janitor	12 00	
T. J. & W. For Sundries,	4 51	
For Care of Room at WestActon,	5 00	
For Coal at West Acton,	10 00	
Cash For Rent of Organ,	12 00	
For Fuel at Acton Centre,	8 00	
For Care of Room at Acton Centre,	6 00	
For Cleaning, &c., at Acton Centre,	2 10	
	$798 57	
Balance,	1 43	
	$800 00	

CENTRE SCHOOL 1883-4—JOHN E. CUTTER, COMMITTEE.

Drawn From Treasury,	$790 00	
Balance From Last Year,	11 58	
		$801 58

Paid Teachers,	$653 00	
Fuel and Preparing it,	95 15	
Care of House,	42 00	
Incidentals,	11 26	
		$801 41
Balance on Hand,		17
		$801 58

WEST SCHOOL.

By Balance From last Year,		$61 67
Received From Town Treasurer,		790 00
		851 67
Paid Teachers' Salaries,	$684 00	
Coal,	92 64	
Care of House,	52 35	
Sundries,	3 90	
Balance on Hand,	18 78	
	851 67	

GEO. GARDNER, Committee.

NORTH SCHOOL.

Drawn from the treasury,	$350 00	
Balance from last year,	50 63	
		$400 63
Paid to teacher,	$312 00	
Fuel,	36 59	
Care of house,	16 00	
Crayons,	77	
Cleaning house,	75	
Balance on hand,	34 52	
		$400 63

J. W. DUPEE, Committee.

SOUTH EAST SCHOOL.

April 1,	Cleaning School House,	$ 2 00	
" 2,	Chairs,	1 34	
	Sundries,	1 74	
	6 1-2 Cords Wood,	30 50	
	Sawing Wood,	8 25	
	Care of School House,	8 00	
June 14,	Paid Miss Willoughby for teaching,	70 00	
Feb. 20,	Miss Manley for teaching, spring term, 10 weeks, fall term, 9 weeks, winter term, 12 weeks, total 31 weeks,	168 00	
			$289 83

Received from Town Treasurer,	$275 00
Amount left over from last year,	37 72
Total,	$312 72
Credit,	$312 72
Debit.	289 83
Bal.,	$22 89

THEODORE P. GODING, Committee.

EAST SCHOOL.

Received from Treasurer,	$350 00	
Amount to Balance 1883,	1 13	
By Paid Teacher,		$284 00
Coal,		29 00
9 ft Oak Wood,		6 18
4 ft Pine Wood,		2 00
Care for School House,		22 00
Rent of Organ,		12 50
I. W. Flagg, Sundries,		1 25
To Balance,	5 80	
	$356 93	$356 93

GEO. CHANDLER, Committee.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

To cash, paid Minnie J. Maines, 36 weeks,		$360 00
Emma Estabrook, 36 weeks,		336 00
Janitor and work,		68 00
A. S. Fletcher, coal,		32 50
Anson Piper,		2 75
E. F. Richardson, for wood and cutting,		4 00
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee,		18 01
Frank Jones,		2 24
		$823 50
Received from Town,	790 00	
Balance from last year,	68 28	
	858 28	
	823 50	
Balance due the town,		$34 78

LUCIUS S. HOSMER,
Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP STANDING.

HIGH SCHOOL.

N. B.—In the High School table the scale of deportment is 100. In that of the other schools it is 5.

Names of Scholars.	Age.	Deportment.	Times Tardy.	Days absent for sickness.	Days absent for other causes.
Della J. Barker,	14	95	5	0	3 1-2
Jennie Bean,	16	95	0	2	6 1-2
Ella Cole,	16	99	1	1	3
Susie Conant,	13	95	9	0	1 1-2
Gertie Cutler,	14	97	9	2	1-2
Hattie Davis,	17	98	0	6 1-2	0
Florence Fletcher,	14	98	8	0	6
Alice Guilford,	19	96	2	0	23
Minnie Harris,	18	99	1	0	41
Addie Houghton,	16	95	1	0	10
Martha Pratt,	15	95	2	0	3
Alberta Preston,	13	98	1	1	1 1-2
Mabel Richardson,	18	99	0	0	5
Sadie Sawyer,	14	99	9	0	0
Lizzie Scofield,	15	95	2	2	9
Carrie Shapley,	15	97	3	0	3 1-2
Etta Tuttle,	15	96	1	21	5
Hattie Tuttle,	13	92	1	1	8
Mattie Smith,	16	98	0	0	2
Annie Lee,	19	100	0	0	1
Florence Dupee,	16	99	0	0	10 1-2
Sarah Hammond,	16	98	0	0	0
Susie Billings,	17	99	0	3	2
Joseph Bird,	17	85	26	0	13
Emery Clark,	13	94	7	0	3

Ora Clough,	15	100	0	0	0
Elbridge Conant,	18	99	22	0	5
Harry Fletcher,	16	99	3	1 1-2	0
Walter Gardner,	14	88	5	0	14
Eugene Hall,	15	95	8	0	4
Millie Handley,	17	94	1	0	19
Willie Hart,	15	93	2	0	8 1-2
Lucius Hosmer,	13	92	1	0	14
William Kelley,	20	100	15	0	6 1-2
David Kinsley,	17	100	1	0	1
George Lee,	18	98	16	0	10 1-2
Hobart Mead,	13	84	10	0	3 1-2
Clesson Parker,	15	93	4	0	0
Herbert Robbins,	18	100	0	0	0
Frank Teele,	17	94	4	14	1-2
Frank Whitcomb,	16	85	2	0	3 1-2
Fred Whitcomb,	16	97	3	0	3 1-2
Eugene White,	16	95	6	0	4 1-2
Arthur Davis,	15	98	1	0	7
Willie Davis,	17	95	2	0	1-2
Bertie Reed,	14	85	10	0	6
Fred W. Reed,	16	95	1	0	9
Lutie Conant,	11	97	0	0	1-2

CENTER GRAMMAR.

Ida J. Austin,	15	4 17-30	0	0	1
Susie E. Conant,	12	4 1-2	0	0	0
Stella Damon,*	10	4 61-65	3	3	1
Clara L. Hammond,	10	4 3-4	1	0	1 1-2
Jennie McCarthy,	13	4 4-5	0	3 1-2	11
Annie J. Noyes,	14	4 3-5	0	13 1-2	1 1-2
Emma L. Noyes,	10	4 6-11	0	0	1
S. Maud Purcell,	11	4 8-11	0	6 1-2	2
Hattie M. Robbins,	14	4 4-11	1	0	0
Clara B. Robbins,	11	4 8-11	1	0	0
Hattie E. Tuttle,	12	4 9-11	0	2	0
Gracie E. Tuttle,	11	4 8-11	1	9	1
Gracie A. Hutchings,		4 1-2	0	0	11

Clarance A. Austin, *	17	4 1-6	3	0	4 1-2
Arthur Allen, †	13	4 3-4	1	5	2
Lutie Conant, *	10	4	0	2	0
James Hill, *		4 3-10	0	0	5
Willie S. Johnson,	11	3 9-11	23	0	0
Joseph F. Kingsley,	14	4	2	22	13
Arthur Lane, *	16	3 3-4	1	5	3
Henry L. Livermore,	12	4 7-11	0	1	7 1-2
Daniel McCarthy, *	16	4	1	0	5
Harry B. Nickerson,	9	4 5-11	1	5	0
George L. Noyes,	17	4 1-2	1	0	3 1-2
Eugene Peckham, †	12	4 3-7	0	11	0
Lyman Robbins *	17	4 1-4	1	0	2
Fred Reed, *	16	5	0	0	5
Bertie J. Reed,	11	4 7-11	0	6 1-2	9 1-2
Carleton C. Taylor,	15	3 9-11	6	9	1
Eddie Thompson, *		4 1-2	0	0	8
Elbridge L Wheeler, *	13	4	4	0	10 1-2
Ollie D. Wood,	11	4 3-11	4	5 1-2	2

* A member only one term.

† A member only two terms.

CENTER PRIMARY.

May L. Calder,	8	4.95	0	0	0
Lottie G. Conant,	7	4.93	0	0	0
Millie E. Handley,	10	4.92	0	0	1-2
Mansie F. Lane,	7	4.72	2	1	1-2
Lizzie A. Manion,	8	4.97	0	11	45
Nannie S. Nickerson,	6	4.95	0	0	0
Lizzie M. Nickerson,	4	4.78	0	12	15
Carrie E. Taylor,	8	4.76	0	0	0
Jessie P. Wood,	7	4.86	5	5	0
Sadie A. Wood,	4	4.96	6	18 1-2	25
Charlie T. Calder,	10	4.60	0	6	0
F. Ethel Wayne,	4	4.84	5	19	14
Walter A. Tuttle,	6	4.62	4	0	1-2
Tommy Manion,	5	4.91	1	7 1-2	17 1-2
Sarah A. Edwards,	10	4.82	3	1	0

†Lizzie Edwards,	7	4.99	3	5	0	
*Gussie B. Conant,	4	4.93	1	7	18	
Charlie Bemis,	6	4.86	2	8	3	
Eddie Sheridan,	7	4.80	1	0	0	
Clarence S. Peckham,	10	4.88	1	1-2		1-2
C. Eugene Johnson,	8	4.94	0	0		1-2
Johnny Sheridan,	5	4.86	0	1	0	
†John Chase,	8	4.99	1	9	0	
*Walter I. Taylor,	5	4.95	0	3	22	
Wilmot E. Taylor,	6	4.75	0	0	0	
Jessie W. Richardson,	6	4.96	0	5	0	
Perley W. Richardson,	9	4.97	0	6	0	

* 1-2 day pupils.

† Highest rank in Deportment.

WEST GRAMMAR.

Aldrich, J. W.,	16	4·9	0	0	4	
Clark, C. B.,	10	4·5	0	2	0	
Decoster, M. H.,	9	4·9	0	0	0	
Gardner, B. L.,	12	4·7	0	0	0	
Guilford, G. M.,	9	5	0	2	2	
Gilmore, F. W.,	15	4.4	10	0	37	
Guilford, A. L.	8	5	0	1	1-3 4	
Hall, B. D.,	11	4·4	4	0	2	
Harris, H. B.,	14	4·6	8	0	28	1-2
Hart, E. J.,	8	5	0	0	0	
Hoar, A. J.,	11	4·8	0	0	0	
Holden, E. B.,	11	4·9	0	0	5	
Holt, W. B.,	10	4·8	4	0	0	
Houghton, G. N.,	10	5	0	1	2	
Jones, D. E.,	12	4·3	8	5	5	
Littlefield, I. M.	13	4·8	0	5	0	
Mead, L. G.,	9	4·9	6	4		1-2
Nash, F. H.,	9	4·8	0	13	3	1-2
Parker, E. M.	12	4	19	0	0	
Parker, H. W.	12	4·1	5	0	2	
Poultney, S. M.,	9	4·8	0	5	0	
Preston, V. A.,	11	4·8	0	1	1	

Richardson, F. A.,	12	4·8	10	11	14 1-2
Richardson, G. A.,	10	4·9	5	0	2
Robinson, M. L.,	10	4·9	0	0	0
Robinson, E. H.	8	4·7	9	9 1-2	0
Teele, F. W.,	11	4	4	0	13
Town, C. N.,	13	4·23	0	0	8 1-2
Trainor, Patrick,	12	3·4	22	0	13 1-2

WEST PRIMARY.

Brown, Nellie,	13	4 9-10	26	0	35
Brown, Ruth,	9	4 7-10	28	0	20
Brown, Lucy,	7	5	27	0	21
Brown, Etta,	5	5	5	0	21
Clark, Etta,	8	4 7-10	10	0	1-2
Cutler, Emma,	6	5	5	0	10
Carey, Ruth,	9	4 9-10	0	0	0
Carey, Wilson,	7	5	1	0	5
Decoster, Charles,	9	4 1-5	1	0	1 1-2
Davis, Willie,	10	4 1-2	1	0	0
Davis, Richard,	9	4 1-2	1	0	0
Davis, Fred,	7	4 9-20	2	0	0
Gilmore, Carrie,	9	4 7-10	0	0	2
Gilmore, Willie,	6	5	0	0	0
Hall, Etta,	8	4 8-10	0	0	1-2
Handley, Ethel,	7	4 9-10	0	0	29
Holt, Bertie,	7	4 9-10	2	0	1-2
Hanaford, John,	7	4 4-10	1	0	0
Knowlton, Forrest,	7	4 3-10	13	0	4 1-2
Leonard, Willie,	9	4 3-10	12	0	10 1-2
Lawrence, Lulu,	9	4 7-10	0	0	2 1-2
Littlefield, Ray,	10	4 7-10	4	0	3 1-2
Littlefield, Guy,	7	4 8-10	2	0	2
Mahoney, John,	11	4	6	0	0
Mead, Mabelle,	7	4 8-10	1	0	1
Parker, Brooks,	9	4	1	0	0
Parder, Mary C.,	7	4 1-2	0	0	1-2
Palmer, Willie,	7	4 1-5	12	0	2
Palmer, Hiram,	5	5	4	0	1
Preston, Roy,	7	4 1-3	3	0	1

Puffer, Ella,	11	5	0	0	4
Puffer, Willie,	7	5	0	0	4
Richardson, Ida,	11	4	2	0	0
Richardson, Alfred,	13	4 1-2	2	0	0
Richardson, Linwood,	7	4 9-10	4	0	5
Rich, Mary F.,	8	4 8-9	0	0	5 1-2
Rich, Nellie,	5	5	0	0	13 1-2
Rhodes, Julia,	7	4 1-4	1	0	0
Stone, Alice,	9	4 8-9	1	0	0
Stone, Elma,	9	4 8-9	0	1 1-2	0
Stone, Gertrude,	7	4 7-9	0	4	13
Stone, Wallace,	5	4 8-9	0	0	1
Teele, Sumner,	9	4 2-9	2	0	5
Teele, Ernest,	6	4 8-9	5	0	15
Trainer, Dannie,	9	4 1-9	25	0	18

SOUTH GRAMMAR.

Eva Grows,	15	4·9	0	0	1
C. Champion,	14	4·9	0	0	5 1-2
Carrie Hanson,	13	4·8	0	0	5 1-2
Edith Bean	13	5	0	0	0
L. Richardson,	12	4·9	0	1 1-2	0
Bertha Jones,	12	4·8	1	0	3 1-2
Ada Jones,	11	4·8	21	1	0
Mary Bowen,	11	4·4	0	0	1
Nellie Culliane,	11	4·9	1	5	8
Minnie Hud,	11	3·8	17	0	1 1-2
Minnie Tapley,	10	3·9	6	0	7
Jessie Currie,	12	4·6	0	0	2 1-2
Carrie Wheeler,	10	4·9	0	15 1-2	3 1-2
Dora Barker,	10	4·8	0	0	1
Mary May,	10	4.9	2	0	4
Alice Hanson,	9	4·8	0	0	5 1-2
Maud Swger,	9	4·8	1	0	35
Olive Barker,	8	4·9	0	3	1
G. Marshall,	9	4·8	1	2 1-2	14
Ida Tapley,	8	4·6	3	1 1-2	2 1-2
E. Fletcher,	8	4·6	1	6	25 1-2

Ida Hapgood,	7	5	0	9	1-2	2
Henry Randall,	14	3·9	18	0	58	1-2
Geo. Warren,	14	4·5	7	0	16	1-2
Morrie Conners,	13		0	0	53	
Willie Fletcher,	12	3·7	0	0	15	1-2
Chas. Moulton,	12	4·2	19	1		1-2
F. Carroll,	12	3·7	33	0	18	1-2
Chas. Fletcher,	11	3·4	20		1-2	7
Levi Pratt,	11	3·8	12	1	1	
Albert Randall,	10	3·5	20	0	18	1-2
Connie Conners,	10		0	0	53	
Frank Farrar,	10	3·1	31	0	3	
Jerrie Bradley,	9	4·6	2	3	1-2	8
Guy Currie,	10	4·9	5	13	1-2	0
Ray Currie,	8	4·1	6	3	0	
Harvey Tuttle,	8	4·8		1-2 4	1-2	0
John May,	8	4·9	9	1	1-2	0
Nancy Austin,	11	4·4	0	37	1-2	0
Chas. Hapgood,	13	3·8	1		1-2	4
Eddie Thompson,	9	4·4	5	26		4

SOUTH PRIMARY.

Emma Bradford,	11	5	0	28	0
Olive Wheeler,	8	5	0	4	0
Julia Tapley,	13	5	0	11	1
Fannie Booker,	8	4.7	0	13	0
Rebecca Bradley,	5	5	0	13	0
Annie Tucker,	7	5	0	8	0
Ella Spinney,	6	5	0	31	0
Nellie Bradford,	6	5	0	2	0
Frank Marshall,	7	5	0	5	2
Willie Holland,	8	5	0	22	0
Frank Hapgood,	9	5	0	3	0
Willie Bradley,	10	5	1	15	1
John Buttles,	7	5	0	1	0
Alvin Nelson,	9	5	0	26	0
Bertie Mills,	9	4.5	0	5	1
Willie Tucker,	9	5	0	9	0

Fred Baldwin,	7	5	0	2	0
Dennis Bradley,	7	5	1	10	0
Frank Randall,	10	5	3	3	0
Chrissie Cane,	7	4.7	1	2	0
George Hird,	8	4.7	6	3	0
John Hannon,	6	5	0	3	0
Sherman Farrar,	8	5	1	1	0
Richard Murphy,	5	4.7	3	0	0
Herman Tapley,	5	5	0	0	0
Dexter Spinney,	5	5	0	13	0
James Culliane,	6	5	0	1	0
Geo. Austin,	10	5	0	36	0
Frank Austin,	9	5	0	36	0
Robert Booker,	5	4.8	1	2	0
Clifford Robbins,	6	5	0	13	0
Percy Tuttle,	6	5	0	7	0
Lawrence Cain,	5	4.2	0	7	0
Fred Robbins,	9	5	0	1	0

EAST SCHOOL.

Chester B. Robbins,†	5	5	1	14	0
Mattie F. Smith,*	15	4.74	1	0	0
Bertha E. Hosmer,	13	4.63	0	10 1-2	1-2
M. Gertrude Bassett,	14	4·3	1	25	5
Harry G. Robbins,	14	4.04	3	3 1-2	6 1-2
Edwin F. Smith,	10	4.3	0	2	2
Ernest E. Wetherbee,	12	4.2	2	2	3
Katie C. O'Connell,†	11	4.8	2	11 1-2	0
Blanche M. Bassett,	10	4.4	1	17	1
Roy G. Brooks,	10	4	3	0	7
Fred H. Ball,*	13	3.8	8	0	32
Carlton C. Conant,*	14	3·6	1	1	21
Davie L. Ball,	14	4·45	3	0	16
Ida F. Davis,*	15	4·8	3	13 1-2	10
Reno W. Ball,	11	4.25	10	2	12
Florence H. Flagg	8	4.48	0	6	1
Annie H. Keefe,*	13	4.8	0	8	2

Rose A. Keefe,*	14	4.2	2	4 1-2	17
Emma M. Sawyer,	7	4.5	0	2	6
Charlie E. Smith,	7	4.48	0	0	0
Lucie M. Davis,	9	4.4	3	9 1-2	5
Harry C. Estabrook,*	8	4.65	0	1	0
Fred L. Robbins,	8	4.4	1	5	0
John E. O'Neill,	8	4.2	1	0	47
La Roy C. Hanscom,	7	4.3	0	2	2
Marcia E. Ball,*	7	4.7	5	1	16 1-2
Lizzie M. Taylor,	6	4.9	0	2	9
Thomas J. Keefe,	9	4.4	2	4	7
Wendell P. Davis	6	4.4	6	17 1-2	12 1-2
Mabel F. Hanscom,	5	4.8	0	16 1-2	7
Francis Davis,	5	4.7	3	7	9 1-2
Mary E. O'Neill,	7	4.97	3	0	19 1-2
Cornelius X. O'Connell,†	8	4.7	0	4 1-2	0
John A. Williams,	12	3.6	0	12	0
Willie O Smith,†	14	3.6	1	0	1-2
Henry OC'onnell,	6	5	2	10	0

* A member less than one term.
† Not a member the whole year.

SOUTH EAST SCHOOL.

Chase, Louise I.,	7	4	0	0	0
Clough, Cora,	8	4.7	0	2	0
Griggs, Ada,	5	4.8	14	0	19 1-2
Griggs, Edith,	4	4.7	10	0	10
Griggs, Gertrude,	13	4.1	13	0	17
Haynes, Lucy,	8	4.6	18	0	20
Penniman, Eva,	10	4.8	1	1	32
Penniman, Hattie,	12	4.2	3	3	38
Mulholland, Rebecca,	8	4.7	0	11	9
Ward, Lucy,	8	4	0	0	0
Bradley, John,	16	4.9	0	0	0
Charlin, Fred,	15	4.2	8	0	0
Clement, John,	5	4.1	2	0	7
Clough, George,	9	4.3	1	2-12	0
Dole, Arthur,	8	4.5	3	5	23

Drew, Arthur,	6	4.5	9	4	12
Glines, Willie,	8	4.8	2	0	9
Glines, Fred,	5	4.3	2	3	7
Hooper, George,	14	4.1	28	2	1 1-2
Hooper, Willie,	16	4.2	18	4	1 1-2
Jones, Willie,	10	4.4	9	0	10 1-2
Jones, Shirley,	7	3.9	7	1	8 1-2
Jones, Fred,	17	4.8	0	2	7
Mulholland, Willie,	13	4.2	3	0	10
Pierce, George,	7	4.3	1	0	1
Patterson, Bertie,	8	3.7	13	0	10 1-2
Clough, Harry,	5	4.8	0	6	9

NORTH SCHOOL.

Mattie Randolph,	14	4 1-2	0	5	4
Bertha Dupee,	13	4 5-6	1	3	3 1-2
Hattie Smith,	14	4 11-12	0	0	0
Augusta Smith,	11	4 3-4	1	0	0
Edith Flagg,	8	4 5-6	0	8 1-2	1 1-2
Hattie Reed,	11	4 3-4	0	9	4 1-2
Grace Rouillard,	11	4 7-9	0	2	9
Ella Miller,	6	4 59-60	0	4	2
Alice Miller,	4	5	0	0	2
Geo. Smith,	17	4 3-8	2	0	9 1-2
Elwyn Harris,	14	4 3-4	7	0	6 1-2
Everett Wayne,	14	4 11-30	5	0	0
Georgie Harris,	9	4 63-80	0	2	1-2
Irving Smith,	9	4 5-8	1	1	1
Walter Smith,	7	4 3-40	1	0	0
Lyman Hutchins,	7	4 2-3	4	0	15
Robert Maines,	5	4 7-12	9	4 1-2	7 1-2

TABULAR STATEMENT.

SCHOOLS.		TEACHERS.	Length of School in months.	Wages per month	Whole No Scholars	Av'rge Attendance	Av'rge Membership	No. over 15 years	No. under 5 years.	No. between 8 & 14	No. of Visits.
		SPRING TERM.									
C'ntre	Grammar	Miss J A Hemenway	2¾	$36	21	20	20	0	0	21	46
	Primary	" Bessie M Ball	2¾	36	20	19	19	0	3	7	37
South	Grammar	" Minnie J Mains	3	40	34	31	32	0	0	24	46
	Primary	" E F Estabrook	3	36	34	27	29	0	0	5	49
West	Grammar	" S J Wyman	3	40	31	27½	29	0	0	31	31
	Primary	" L F Newton	3	36	34	32	33	0	0	15	23
North		" Viola S Tuttle	3	32	14	13⅓	13 2-3	0	0	9	9
East		" S A Wetherbee	3	36	35	26	29	0	0	9	15
Southeast		" E Willoughby	2½	28	20	12	14 1-3	0	1	6	5
High		Mr H Williams	2½	80	28	25·7	27	17	0	5	18
		FALL TERM.									
C'ntre	Grammar	Miss J A Hemenway	3	36	20	19	27	2	0	18	26
	Primary	" Bessie M Ball	3	36	24	22	23	0	0	10	50
South	Grammar	" Minnie J Mains	3	40	34	30	33	0	0	29	44
	Primary	" E F Estabrook	3	40	37	32 1-5	35	0	0	9	51
West	Grammar	" S J Wyman	3	40	29	27½	29	2	0	26	25
	Primary	" C L Newton	3	36	41	39 5-6	40 2-3	0	1	19	17
North		" Viola S Tuttle	3	36	15	14⅓	14 2-3	0	1	7	16
East		" S A Wetherbee	3	36	29	22·3	23 2-3	0	0	7	24
Southeast		" Bertha Manley	2¼	32	21	18·7	20	1	1	6	8
High		Mr H H Williams	3	80	39	35¾	37 2-3	28	0	7	25
		WINTER TERM.									
C'ntre	Grammar	Miss B R Brackett	3¼	36	31	21	28 1-3	8	0	13	14
	Primary	" Bessie M Ball	3	36	19	14·8	18	0	1	6	29
South	Grammar	" Minnie J Mains	3	40	34	30·1	33·2	0	0	29	26
	Primary	" E F Estabrook	3	36	35	28	32	0	0	11	38
West	Grammar	" S J Wyman	3	40	32	28·75	30·8	5	0	25	35
	Primary	" C L Newton	3	36	44	42	43·4	0	0	22	28
North		" Viola S Tuttle	3	36	15	14	15	1	0	6	25
East		" S A Wetherbee	2	33⅓	26	20 3-4	25·6	1	0	8	11
Southeast		" Bertha Manley	3	32	23	17	20	3	1	5	10
High		Mr H H Williams	3½	80	38	34	35	27	0	5	28

Number of children between the ages of five and fifteen years, 295.
Sum raised by town for each (besides $800 for High School,) $10.66.

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

OTHER OFFICERS,

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON

From Feb. 26, 1884, to Feb. 26, 1885,

INCLUDING THE MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN 1884, ALSO THE REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



ACTON:
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1885.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

To Cash paid for State Tax,	$1,480 00	
" " County Tax,	680 80	
" " On Selectmens' Order.	14,281 48	
To Outstanding Orders.	1 73	
To Balance due the Town, Feb. 26, 1885,	1,871 17	
		$18,315 18

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By Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 26, 1885,	$724 24	
By Cash received of County Treasurer, Dog Fund for 1883,	213 01	
By Cash received of John White for Lumber.	5 35	
By Cash received of G. H. Warren, for Rent of School Room,	33 00	
By Cash received of Elisha H. Cutler, Income from Town Farm	37 84	
By Cash received from Town of Methuen for Aid furnished Wm. Austin,	55 68	
By Cash received of State Treasurer for support of State Paupers,	10 00	
By Cash received of Theron F. Newton, on account of School supplies,	4 77	
By Cash received for rent of Town Hall cellar,	18 50	
By Cash received of City of Boston for support of Mason Jones,	37 53	
By Cash received of Willis A. White, borrowed money,	400 00	
By Cash received of Daniel Harris, borrowed money,	400 00	
By Cash received of Frank H. Jones, borrowed money,	400 00	
By Cash received of J. K. W. Wetherbee, borrowed money,	635 00	
By Cash received of Estate of Simon Hosmer, borrowed money,	450 00	
By Cash received of State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	1,395 51	
By Cash received of State Treasurer, National Bank Tax,	899 60	
Amount carried forward,		$5,720 03

Amount brought up,		$5,720 03
By Cash received of State Treasurer. State Aid,	48 00	
By Cash received of State Treasurer. Relief of Indigent Soldiers,	188 00	
By Cash received of State Treasurer, Income of School Fund,	169 18	
By Cash received from Town of Billerica for support of Thomas Russell,	24 00	
By Cash received for rent of Town Hall,	53 00	
By Cash received from Theron F. Newton for South school District,	34 78	
By Cash received from John E. Cutter for North school District,	34 52	
By Cash received from John Fletcher for lots sold in Woodlawn Cemetery,	30 00	
By Cash received from John E. Cutter, Collector of Taxes,	11,947 51	
By Cash received for interest on money,	66 16	
		$18,315 18

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,

Acton, Feb. 26, 1885. *Treasurer of Acton.*

Report of the Selectmen of the Town of Acton.

From February 26, 1884, to February 26, 1885.

Centre District School.

Paid Miss Bessie M. Ball, teaching school,	$90	00	
Miss Carrie L. Haynes, teaching school,	90	00	
Miss Carrie L. Haynes, teaching school,	120	00	
Miss Bessie M. Ball, teaching school,	108	00	
John E. Cutter,	98	28	
John E. Cutter, cleaning house,	6	66	
John E. Cutter, repairs,	27	75	
Edward Tuttle, for use of pump,	5	00	
John E. Cutter,	288	00	
			$833 69

South Acton District Schools.

Paid Miss Emma Estabrook, teaching school in So. Acton,	$36	00	
Miss Jennie A. Hemminway, teaching school in So. Acton.	38	00	
Miss Emma Estabrook, teaching school in So. Acton,	36	00	
Miss Jennie A. Hemminway, teaching school in So. Acton,	38	00	
Theron F. Newton, repairs on south school house,	10	07	
Miss Emma Estabrook, teaching school in So. Acton,	36	00	
Miss Jennie A. Hemminway, teaching school in So. Acton,	38	00	
Theron F. Newton, coal,	32	75	
Theron F. Newton, blind,	1	12	
Theron F. Newton, cleaning and washing,	3	98	
Theron F. Newton, labor,	9	00	
Theron F. Newton, paint for house and fence,	92	78	
Francis Heyward, labor,	1	50	
Francis Jones painting house and fence,	88	20	
Francis Jones, labor,	1	80	
L. W. Holt, labor,	3	50	
Amount carried forward,			$466 70

Amount brought up,	$466 70	
Paid Samuel Jones, labor,	9 31	
Theron F. Newton, care of house,	5 00	
Theron F. Newton, south district,	247 00	
Theron F. Newton, sundries,	1 73	
Theron F. Newton, ventilators for South Acton High school,	12 00	
		$741 74
Theron F. Newton,		289 52
		$1,031 26

West Acton District School.

Paid Miss S. J. Wyman, teaching school in West Acton,	$40 00	
Miss Lettie Newton, teaching school in West Acton,	36 00	
Miss S. J. Wyman, teaching school in West Acton,	40 00	
Miss C. Lettie Newton, teaching school in West Acton,	36 00	
Geo. Gardner, chairs for West School,	5 00	
Geo. Gardner, Dictionary "	8 25	
Geo. Gardner, Miscellanies "	6 25	
Geo. Gardner, care house,	13 00	
Miss S. J. Wyman, teaching school,	40 00	
Miss C. Lettie Newton, teaching school,	36 00	
Geo. Gardner, care house,	10 00	
Geo. Gardner, use of organ,	5 00	
Geo. Gardner, repairs on West School house,	10 00	
Mead & Stone, paint for West Acton school house,	48 74	
E. F. Wood, painting West Acton school house,	78 25	
E. C. Parker, coal,	88 93	
Geo. Gardner, repairs,	13 18	
Miss S. J. Wyman, teaching school,	90 00	
Miss C. Lettie Newton, teaching school,	81 00	
Miss C. Lettie Newton, teaching school,	27 00	
Miss S. J. Wyman, teaching school,	30 00	
Miss S. J. Wyman, teaching school,	40 00	
Miss C. Lettie Newton, teaching school,	36 00	
Miss C. Lettie Newton, teaching school,	36 00	
Miss S. J. Wyman, teaching school,	40 00	
Miss S. J. Wyman, teaching school,	40 00	
Miss C. Lettie Newton, teaching school,	36 00	
		$970 60

North Acton District School.

Paid Miss Alice Mansfield, teaching school,	$80 00	
Miss Alice Mansfield, teaching school,	108 00	
		$188 00
J. E. Cutter, repairs		4 26
J. E. Cutter,		163 85
		$356 11

East Acton District School.

Paid L. J. Robbins, repairs of house,	$ 1 60	
L. J. Robbins, crayons,	60	
L. J. Robbins, care of house,	3 00	
Mr. S. A. Wetherbee, teaching,	108 00	
L. U. Holt, for stove and fixtures,	53 57	
L. J. Robbins, for teacher,	129 75	
L. J. Robbins, repairs,	3 00	
		$299 52
Luke J. Bobbins,		131 60
		$431 12

South East School District.

Paid G. Booker, whitewashing school house,	$ 3 50	
Francis Jones, painting black boards,	3 00	
Miss Bertha Manley, teaching school,	93 00	
Samual Jones, labor,	3 25	
Theron F. Newton, for wood,	17 50	
Theron F. Newton, South East,	111 00	
		$231 25
Theron F. Newton, repairs,	1 25	
Theron F. Newton, sundries,	8 00	
		$240 50
Theron F. Newton,		129 00
		$369 50

High School.

Paid L. S. Hosmer, balance due High School,	$ 65 00	
L. S. Hosmer, moving settees and other repairs for High School,	19 72	
Geo. Gardner, for repairs and sundries for West Acton High School,	24 60	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, desks, seats and freight for High School in West Acton,	164 45	
Geo. Gardner, labor putting down same,	18 00	
Amount carried forward.		$291 77

Amount brought up,	$291 77	
Paid H. H. Williams, teaching High School, West Acton,	80 00	
H. H. Williams, teaching High School, West Acton,	80 00	
H. H. Williams, teaching High School, West Acton,	80 00	
Geo. Gardner, care of room,	12 00	
Geo. Gardner, for clock,	15 00	
Geo. Gardner, coal,	12 08	
Geo. Gardner, use of piano,	10 00	
Theron F. Newton, for coal for High school	10 35	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, desks, seats, table and freight,	81 78	
H. H. Williams, teaching Centre.	80 00	
H. H. Williams, teaching Centre.	80 00	
H. H. Williams, teaching Centre.	80 00	
J. E. Cutter, Centre High School.	19 00	
H. H. Williams, teaching South Acton.	80 00	
H. H. Williams, teaching South Acton.	80 00	
		$1,091 98
Theron F. Newton, for High School.		96 57
		$1,188 55

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid Theron F. Newton, book printing and express,	$374 47	
Theron F. Newton,	36 68	
F. C. Nash, difference in exchange of books for schools in years 1883 and 1884,	36 56	
Theron F. Newton, school supplies,	30 03	
Theron F. Newton,	201 73	
		$679 47
J. E. Cutter, school supplies.		6 08
		$685 55

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid L. U. Holt, sealing weights and measures,	$ 9 00	
F. C. Nash, balance of salary for Supt. of schools 1883,	62 50	
H. J. Hapgood, services of Assessor,	21 00	
Phineas Wetherbee,	25 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle,	32 00	
Amount carried forward,		$149 50

Amount brought up,	$149 50	
Paid L. E. Reed, for Supt. of burials,	75 00	
F. C. Nash for Supt. of schools 1884–85	50 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, services as Town Clerk,	25 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, services as Selectman,	45 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, services as Treasurer,	40 00	
J. W. Dupee, services as Selectman,	45 00	
D. J. Wetherbee, services as Selectman,	85 00	
		$514 50

Cemetery Expenses.

Paid John Fletcher, labor in Woodlawn cemetery,	$ 45 40	
John Eletcher, trees in Woodlawn cemetery,	29 50	
B. H. & O. K. Patch, changing bound on lot in Mt. Hope cemetery,	23 00	
John Fletcher, labor in Woodlawn cemetery,	43 55	
L. U. Holt, repairing pump in Mt. Hope cemetery.	3 36	
		$144 81

Printing.

Paid O. H. Duren, printing town orders,	$ 2 00	
O. H. Duren, warrants and reports,	71 45	
Pratt Bros. warrants,	7 00	
Paid Pratt Bros, advertising,	7 00	
W. N. Sharp, voting lists,	17 50	
Tolman & White, printing warrants,	3 00	
		$107 95

State Aid.

John Carroll	$96 00	
Benj. Skinner	96 00	
Allen G. Smith	96 00	
Geo. Dole	32 00	
Ola Nelson	48 00	
Mrs. R. C. Wright	48 00	
Richard G. Dane	30 00	
		$446 00

Support of Poor.

Paid E. H. Cutler. support Clara Wheeler,	$88 23	
" " E. Burgendahl,	44 25	
" " Mrs. P. Redding,	14 00	
" " Mason Jones,	37 53	
" " Wm. Austin,	55 68	
" " Clara Wheeler,	64 25	
" " E. Burgendahl,	45 15	
" " Mrs. Redding,	49 00	
" " John Carney,	21 00	
" " Mrs. Stanton,	4 60	
" " Mrs. Pike,	14 00	
" " Mrs. J. Whitney,	20 00	
" " Michael Follard,	23 15	
" " Clara Wheeler,	69 81	
" " E. Burgendahl,	42 75	
" " E. Burgendahl,	42 71	
" " Clara Wheeler,	61 91	
" " Mrs. Town,	22 69	
" " Ed. Johnson,	4 50	
Dr. Sanders, medical attendance,	7 50	
For support Catherine O'Brien,	22 50	
Dr. Hutchins, medical attendance,	25 82	
" " D. Bradley,	20 42	
For support of Ola Nelson,	10 00	
E. H. Cutler, expense to Tewksbury,	6 00	
" Journey to Worcester,	3 85	
" Stationary and stamps,	1 50	
" Support of Mrs. Pike,	34 00	
" " Mrs. Whitney,	10 00	
" " Mrs. Redding,	4 00	
" " Thos. Russell,	24 00	
		$895 00

Repairing Highways.

Paid Chas. Wheeler, regular highway work,	$200 00	
A. H. Jones, " "	300 00	
Chas. Wheeler, repairs on Thos. Hammond road,	200 00	
J. C. Wheeler, breaking roads, '83–84,	8 37	
A. H. Jones, highway work,	250 00	
Geo. E. Fifield, repairing road to T. Moore place,	2 06	
J. F. Cole, breaking roads in 1884,	8 25	
Amount carried forward,		$968 68

Amount brought up,	$968 68	
A. H. Jones, widening road near Mrs. Warner's,	268 34	
Abel Cole, for moving wall and laying same near house of Mrs. Warner's,	55 50	
Chas. Wheeler, railing road near Concord line,	13 09	
Chas. Wheeler, regular highway work,	494 83	
Chas. Wheeler, labor performed for Jos. Cole, scraping road from C. Wheeler's to W. Handley's, 1883,	15 00	
A. H. Jones, regular highway work,	161 74	
A. H. Jones, repairs on Powder Mill Bridge,	11 05	
A. H. Jones, repairs on dry bridge near house of Mr. Gates,	34 43	
Geo. Keyes, breaking roads, 1884,	1 73	
		$2,024 39

Miscellaneous.

Paid R. M. Yale, for flag,	$25 00	
James Kinsley, for use of road for hurley,	8 00	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, for road machine, plate and freight,	210 02	
J. W. Loker, Decoration day,	75 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, seal, weights and measures for Town,	14 75	
L. U. Holt, for weights,	8 28	
" labor and team,	2 25	
" sand chamber for pump,	7 00	
" labor on pump,	1 75	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, invoice books,	1 05	
" " collector "	1 25	
Geo. L. Brownell, for new hearse,	635 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, laying out road in W. Acton,	8 00	
D. H. Hall, for stakes,	1 00	
Spofford Robbins, labor on town clock,	8 18	
R. L. Reed, labor and material on clock,	9 86	
R. L. Reed, labor and material on chandeliers,	7 60	
Geo. M. Stevens, for town clock,	82 64	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, for chandelers,	80 07	
L. U. Holt, repairs on town house furnace,	14 16	
Amount carried forward,		$1,200 86

Amount brought up,	$1,200 86	
Geo. L. Brownell, cover for hearse,	4 50	
D. J. Wetherbee, express on flag,	25	
" " recording deed,	65	
" " freight on hearse,	6 48	
" " 4175 coal for town house,	15 03	
Spofford Robbins, labor on stage and furnace,	20 85	
M. E. Taylor, oil, chimneys and sundries for town hall,	11 28	
Wm. D. Tuttle, express on packages,	2 95	
" " books for registers,	3 05	
" " copying record book,	20 55	
" " collecting and recording births,	18 50	
Wm. D. Tuttle, collecting and recording marriages,	2 70	
Wm. D. Tuttle, collecting and recording deaths.	4 50	
R. L. Reed, taking care of hall,	32 25	
" repairs on town hall,	17 14	
" care of clock,	15 00	
Francis Conant, repairs on town hall,	3 38	
J. E. Cutter, discount on taxes, 1884,	591 82	
		$1,971 74

TEMPORARY LOAN PAID.

Paid Willis A. White, note and interest,	$406 55	
Daniel Harris " "	405 83	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, " "	642 41	
Frank H. Jones, " "	404 28	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, " "	453 37	
		$2,312 44

Unexpended balance as per report, Feb. 26th, 1884, including bounty tax	$5,520 13
Received of W. A. White, borrowed money	400 00
Daniel Harris, "	400 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, "	635 00
F. H. Jones, "	400 00
Estate Simon Hosmer, "	450 00
Dog fund, 1883	213 01
J. White, lumber	5 35
G. H. Warren, rent school room	33 00
Amount carried forward,	$8,056 49

Amount brought up,	$8,056 49
Received of E. H. Cutler, income from Town farm	37 84
Town of Methuen, support of Wm. Austin	55 68
State Treasurer, support State pauper	10 00
T. F. Newton, on account school supplies	4 77
Use of cellar in town hall	18 50
City of Boston, support of M. J. Jones	37 53
State Treasurer, corporation tax	1,395 51
" National Bank	899 60
" State Aid	48 00
" Relief of Indigent soldiers	188 00
" Income of school fund	169 18
Town of Billerica, for support T. Russell	24 00
John Fletcher, Woodlawn Cemetery	30 00
Interest on money	66 16
For use of town hall	53 00
Town charges	3,000 00
" for schools	4,000 00
	$18,094 26

Town charges for roads	1,400 00
State tax	1,480 00
County tax	680 80
Overlay	7 71
T.F.Newton, balance of last years' school money	34 78
J. E. Cutter " " "	34 52
	$21,732 07

RECEIPTS

From February 26th, 1884, to February 26th, 1885.

Unexpended balance as per report of Feb. 26th, 1884, including bounty tax	$5,520 13	
Appropriations and receipts	16,211 94	
		$21,732 07

EXPENDITURES.

Support of the Centre District School		$ 833 69
" So. Acton "		1,031 26
" W. Acton "		970 60
" N. Acton "		356 11
" E. Acton "		431 12
" So.-E. Acton "		369 50
" High School and expenditures		1,188 55
School supplies		685 55
Town officers		514 50
Cemetery expenses		144 81
Printing		107 95
State Aid		446 00
Support of Poor		895 00
Repairs on Highways		2,024 39
Miscellaneous expenses		1,971 74
Temporary Loan paid		2,312 44
State Tax		1,480 00
County Tax		680 80
		$16,444 01
Amount due the Town from Collectors and Treasurer	5,288 06	
Deduct Bounty Tax	4,000 00	
		$1,288 06

D. J. WETHERBEE,
J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
J. W. DUPEE,
Selectmen of Acton.

Acton, Feb. 26, 1885.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Registry of Births in Acton for 1884.

No.	Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.
1.	Jan. 5,	Ruth Mildred,	daughter of Sidney L. and M. Kate Richardson.
2.	" 7,	Alice Beatrice,	daughter of Nathan R. and Abbie M. Palmer.
3.	" 12,	Chester Arthur,	son of Thomas J. and Kate Sawyer.
4.	" 26,	Howard Arthur,	son of Howard B. and Bertha White.
5.	Feb. 10,	Henry Franklin,	son of William H. and Ida C. Lawrence.
6.	" 14,	Mable Gertrude,	daughter of Edwin E. and Abbie F. Foster.
7.	Mar. 1,	James Ernest,	son of Chas. H. and Fannie A. Taylor.
8.	" 12,	John Hubbard,	son of Hanson and Florence M. Littlefield.
9.	" 18,	Annie May,	daughter of James T. and Addie C. Goodsell.
10.	" 28,	Willie James,	son of Thomas and Maria C. Scanlan.
11.	June 12,	Walter	son of Edwin L. and Hattie C. Hayward.
12.	" 18,	Ross Melvin,	son of Fred C. and Sarah A. Reed.
13.	July 5,	Norman Asaph,	son of Isaac B. and Ellen Spinney.
14&15.	" 16,	Ada May and Annie Maud,	twin daughters of Osha P. and Nellie F. Knowlton.
16.	" 25,	Flora Blanche,	daughter of Moses A. and Ellen A. Reed.
17.	" 27,	Mary Ellen,	daughter of Michael and Sarah McCarthy.
18.	Aug. 1,	Rilla Lester,	daughter of Samuel B. and Harriet L. Harris.
19.	" 7,	Thomas Edward,	son of Joseph A. and Margaret J. Devane.
20.	" 16,	Maud Beatrice,	daughter of Andrew F. and Emma M. Priest.
21.	" 16,	Ines Maud,	daughter of Joseph E. and Ida C. Dole.
22.	" 29,	Estean D.	son of James A. and Flora C. Symonds.
23.	Sept. 7,	William Munroe,	son of William H. and Lora M. Hartwell.
24.	" 17,	Henry Wilder,	son of Edwin W. and Flora A. Taylor.
25.	" 24,	A son to	Charles W. and Lena A. Melone.
26.	" 27,	James,	son of Isaac and Mary Frances Wood.
27.	Oct. 17,	James Leonard,	son of Jairus C. and Alice M. Wheeler.
28.	" 23,	Albert William,	son of William H. and Ella E. Kinsley.
29.	" 27,	Alice Marion,	daughter of Edgar H. and Angie Hall.
30.	Nov. 6,	Loraine Esther,	daughter of Charles I. and L. Lizzie Miller.
31.	" 8,	Levern Lincoln,	son of Roswell L. and Anna B. Tuttle.
32.	" 22,	Cora Edith,	daughter of Edmund B. and Ella L. Hooper.
33.	" 26,	Flora Elizabeth,	daughter of John H. and Anna L. Clark.
34.	" 29,	Charlotte Sophia,	daughter of Rev. Franklin P. and Abbie O. Wood.
35.	Dec. 20,	Eldora Mary,	daughter of Freeman and Etta E. Williams.

Marriages Registered in Acton in 1884.

No.	Date of Marriage.	Names and Residences of Parties.
1.	Jan. 31,	Mr. William. H. Hartwell and Miss Lora M. Bickford, both of Acton.
2.	Feb. 25,	Mr. John McCarthy of Acton, and Miss Mary Ann McElligott of Westford.
3.	Mar. 12,	Mr. Willis A. White of Acton, and Miss Clara B. Gay of Belfast, Me.
4.	May 4,	Mr. Chas. E. Worcester of Acton, and Miss Eliza G. Feeney of Hudson.
5.	May 8,	Mr. Franklin D. Barker of Acton, and Miss Lucietta Derby of Concord.
6.	May 11,	Mr. George Gallant of Concord, and Mrs. Mary Connell of Acton.
7.	May 22,	Mr. Robert Hart of Boston, and Miss Eleanor Blackburn of Franklin.
8.	May 31,	Mr. John T. Bergrew of Cambridge, and Miss Agnes J. Wood of Acton.
9.	June 3,	Mr. Timothy Bissell and Mrs. Rhoda Carleton, both of Acton.
10.	June 24,	Mr. Henry D. Daley and Mrs. Mary L. Blanchard, both of Marlboro.
11.	July 1,	Mr. Edward Wood of Acton, and Miss Mary B. McLearn of Cambridge.
12.	Sept. 9,	Dr. Fred W. Whitney of Sherburne, N. Y., and Miss Emma F. Estabrook of Acton.
13.	Sept. 18,	Mr. Fred S. Mead and Miss Lizzie M. Gates, both of Acton.
14.	Oct. 15,	Mr. George Y. Hutchins and Miss Hattie A. Parker, both of Acton.
15.	Oct. 16,	Mr. Frank Brooks of Acton, and Miss Jessie E. Purdy of Mansfield.
16.	Nov. 23,	Mr. James Kinsley and Miss Annie McCarthy, both of Acton.
17.	Dec. 11,	Mr. Charles H. Fairbanks of Cambridge, and Miss Nellie L. Tuttle of Acton.
18.	Dec. 25,	Mr. Ira Elliot Barber and Miss Mary Ann Bradley, both of Acton.

Deaths Recorded in Acton in 1881.

No.	Date of Death.	Name and Age of Deceased
1.	Feb. 19,	Mr. John Chaffin, 75 years 9 months 18 days.
2.	Feb. 24,	Mrs. Ellen Coughlin, 96 y.
3.	Mar. 20,	Mr. James H. Burnham, 64 y. 7 m. 8d.
4.	Mar. 27,	Mr. Levi Frost, 78 y. 5 d.
5.	Mar. 27,	Miss Edith V. Bean, 14 y. 7 d.
6.	Apr. 1,	Mrs. Louisa M. Forbush, 52 y.

No. Date of Death. Name and age of Deceased.

7. Apr. 2, Pierre R. Nelson, son of Oscar P. and Mary Ann Nelson, 1 y. 2 m. 4 d.
8. Apr. 6, Mr. Thomas Smith, 90 y. 3 m. 15d.
9. Apr. 23, Mrs. Ella S. Baldwin, 34 y. 6 m. 12 d.
10. May 14, Mrs. Mary Fairbanks Tenney, 89 y. 7 d.
11. June 17, Walter Hayward, son of Edwin L. and Hattie C. Hayward, 5 d
12. July 7, Mr. Simon Hosmer, 84 y. 9m.
13. Aug. 12, Mrs. Eliza Beatty Downer, 61 y.
14. Aug. 14, Mrs. Martha M. Stevens, wife of George A. Stevens, 67 y. 2 m. 16 d.
15. Aug. 18, Mr. Thomas Kinsley, 70 y. 15 d.
16. Aug. 20, Mrs. Lizzie E. Beck, 26 y. 13 d.
17. Sept. 7, (In Concord) Mabel F. Worden, daughter of Henry and Lizzie Worden, 3 y.
18. Sept. 24, A son of Charles W. and Lena A. Melone, 1 d.
19. Oct. 4, Mr. Charles H. Teele, 27 y. 10 m. 5 d.
20. Oct. 5, Mrs. Lois H. Freeman, 76 y. 10 m. 13 d.
21. Oct. 23, Mrs. Maggie A. McLaughlin, 27 y.
22. Dec. 25, Mr. Charles E. Worcester, 29 y. 1 m.
23. Dec. 29, Mr. James Hurley, 78 y.

WILLIAM D. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

Amt. Rec'd from Licenses of Dogs since last Report.

Henry Brooks,	$2 00	Isaac W. Flagg,	$2 00
M. Augusta Hosmer,	2 00	D. J. Wetherbee,	2 00
Wm. D. Tuttle,	2 00	Frank E. Wetherbee,	2 00
Luther Conant,	2 00	J. W. Dupee,	2 00
Elbridge J. Robbins,	2 00	George R. Keyes,	2 00
Antoine Bulette,	2 00	George Conant,	2 00
Alonzo L. Tuttle,	2 00	G. H. S. Houghton,	2 00
George W. Livermore,	2 00	Joseph Reed,	2 00
George Gardner,	2 00	Moses A. Reed,	2 00
Dana F. Maynard,	2 00	Gustavus H. Waugh,	2 00
Elnathan Jones,	6 00	James D. Coburn,	2 00
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee,	4 00	Sylvester Haynes,	2 00
Theron F. Newton,	2 00	Frederic Rouillard,	2 00
Francis Conant,	2 00	M. E. Taylor,	2 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee,	2 00	Augustus Fletcher,	2 00
Charles A. Harrington,	2 00	Solon A. Robbins,	2 00
Willie S. Fletcher,	2 00	James Tuttle,	7 00
John Fletcher,	2 00	J. W. Randall,	2 00
Emerson F. Fuller,	2 00	H. M. Beck,	2 00
Daniel McCarthy,	2 00	Cyrus Hayward,	2 00
A. Lucien Noyes,	2 00	Charles H. Wheeler,	5 00
Luke Tuttle,	2 00	Charles Wheeler,	2 00
George C. Conant,	2 00	Isaiah S. Leach,	2 00
John Hamaford,	2 00	Nahum Littlefield,	2 00
Mead & Stone,	2 00	James E. Harris,	2 00
Emmons Hanscom,	2 00	Lucius S. Hosmer,	2 00
William B. Davis,	2 00	George C. Wright,	2 00
Mrs. George F. Flagg,	2 00	James Kinsley,	2 00
James Tobin,	2 00	Joseph Cole,	2 00
John Temple,	2 00	John Kelley,	2 00
L. E. Allen,	2 00	Edward O'Neil,	2 00
Anson C. Piper,	2 00	Otis H. Forbush,	2 00
Lester N. Fletcher,	2 00	Charles J. Williams,	2 00
Willis L. Mead,	2 00	Frank E. Harris,	2 00
Fred Whitcomb,	2 00	Isaac Baker,	2 00
A. H. Gilmore,	2 00	Charles Varney,	2 00
Charles J. Holton	2 00	John L. Marshall,	2 00
James P. Taylor,	2 00	J. E. Durkee,	2 00
A. W. Gardner,	2 00	Henry M. Smith,	2 00
Charles B. Sanders,	4 00	J. Everett Reed,	2 00
Herman Chaplin,	2 00	Frank R. Knowlton,	2 00
John W. Aldrich,	2 00	Edwin Taylor,	2 00
Moses Taylor,	2 00	Constance O'Neil,	2 00
Edward Wood,	5 00	Frank W. Houghton,	2 00
Forbush & Hartwell,	5 00	Everett Wayne,	2 00
Isaac Wood,	5 00	John C. Gates,	2 00
Freeman Williams,	5 00	A. L. Lawrence,	5 00
Henry Haynes,	5 00	George Pratt,	5 00
Jairus C. Wheeler,	5 00	Hanson Littlefield,	5 00
Charles H. Teel,	2 00	Joseph R. Bassett,	2 00
Webster C. Robbins,	2 00	Chauncey B. Robbins,	2 00
Mrs. Jarvis Williams,	2 00	Charles W. Grant,	2 00
Charles D. Griggs,	2 00	Reuben L. Reed,	2 00
Andrew J. Willis,	2 00	Henry Haynes,	2 00
Henry Hanson,	2 00	Daniel McCarthy,	2 00

Total number of Males 105, at $2, . . $210 00
Females 10, at $5, . . 50 00
Whole amount received, ——$260 00

Acton, March 10, 1885. WILLIAM D. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

Report of Receipts and Expenditures at the Almshouse in Acton,

For the Year Ending February 28, 1885.

Articles on Hand February 28, 1885.

8 Cows,	$420 00	8 Barrel Apples,	$12 00
1 Horse,	200 00	15 Gallons Soap,	2 00
13 Tons Hay,	234 00	40 Pounds Lard,	5 20
Meal and Shorts,	10 10	20 Pounds Butter,	6 00
Straw,	1 50	125 Barrels,	15 00
Lot of Bags,	5 00	2 Gallons Oil,	25
Salt,	1 00	Flour,	2 00
27 Hens,	13 50	Crackers,	50
15 Cords wood cut for stove,	70 00	5 Pounds Coffee,	50
Wagon,	95 00	Hard Soap,	40
4 Market Boxes,	40	2 Pounds Tea,	1 00
125 Bushels Potatoes,	62 50	Molasses,	40
30 Bushels Small Potatoes,	6 00	Eggs,	60
250 Pounds Salt Pork,	25 00	Spices,	50
75 Pounds Ham,	9 00		
1 Cider Barrel,	1 00		$1,200 35

RECEIPTS FROM TOWN FARM,

From March 1, 1884, to February 28, 1885.

Apples,	$305 30	Calves,	$10 25
Potatoes,	34 45	Poultry,	1 00
Eggs,	14 39	Berries,	3 80
Bag,	25	Board and clothing, M. E. Grimes,	35 00
Paper,	90	Board, Edward Johnson,	4 50
Meat,	4 08		
Butter,	4 62		$1,308 66
Milk,	745 12		
Cows,	145 00		

EXPENSES.

Paid for		Paid for	
Cows,	$173 75	Thread,	$ 96
Labor,	157 77	Extracts,	20
Meat,	93 93	Curtain Fixtures,	90
Grain,	374 76	Crockery,	1 05
Potatoes,	8 80	Curtain cords,	49
Vinegar,	75	Rice,	54
Barrels.	39 24	Mustard,	47
Repairing harness,	1 01	Pepper,	12
Butchering,	5 00	Saleratus,	18
Onions,	50	Raisins,	2 06
Pigs,	8 00	Tacks,	10
Pump and repairing,	10 50	Stove polish,	21
Tinware,	2 46	Note paper,	10
Stove and repairs,	4 00	Oat meal,	70
Repairing lounge,	1 50	Tapioca,	40
Soap,	11 05	Molasses,	7 84
Use of oxen,	10 00	Ginger,	55
Blacksmith bill,	18 50	Tomatoe plants,	30
Use of bull,	4 00	Wash board,	25
Lumber,	1 53	Starch,	32
Filing saws,	1 35	Burners,	30

Paid for		Paid for	
Cheese,	5 21	Wicks,	12
Dried apple,	1 36	Jars,	1 33
Phosphate,	13 58	Needles,	6
Fish,	10 74	Cocoa,	9
Flour,	41 34	Oil,	1 04
Butter,	64 68	Jug,	25
Tea,	23 60	Globes,	24
Lard,	16 58	Yarn,	1 10
Oyster shells,	38	Kettles,	92
Blueing,	22	Dressing,	25
Coffee,	10 26	Trap,	12
Brooms,	95	Lime,	50
Cream tartar,	56	Spoons,	34
Cultivator,	5 00	Mattresses,	13 50
Salt,	2 79	Table,	1 15
Yeast,	56	Mirror,	67
Paris green,	50	Drag,	4 30
Scythes,	3 80	Spade,	87
Beans,	3 83	Grass seed,	5 64
Lemons,	13	Castings,	90
Turpentine,	15	Pails,	2 28
Seeds,	49	Hoes,	88
Cloth and clothing,	35 99	Oil cloth,	70
Comb,	5	Whet-stone,	33
Shoes,	3 65	Castor,	12
Sulpher,	1 36	Peas,	20
Sugar,	15 50	Tubs,	60
Puty,	6	Baskets,	1 00
Nails,	1 99	Barrel header,	1 12
Crackers,	23 15	Hatchet,	62
Spices,	1 02	Halters,	1 16
Currants,	53	Cabbages,	23
Matches,	20	Bed-spreads,	4 80
Medicines,	2 35	Blankets,	7 15
Saltpeter,	2	Wall paper,	6 01
Snuff,	38		
Oil Meal,	93		$1,284 92

Services of Warren Bemis and wife,	$247 93	
E. H. Cutler,	45 00	
Luke Blanchard,	10 00	
Julian Tuttle,	12 00	
		$314 93
Expenditures,		$1,609 85
Receipts,		1,308 66
Income less than expenditures,		$301 19
Due from Treasury to balance account,	$301 19	
Interest on farm,	240 00	
	$541 19	
Victualing and lodging 192 tramps at 40 cents each,	76 80	
Cost of supporting poor on farm,	$464 39	

Whole number of persons exclusive of tramps supported in almshouse, 7; average number, 4 1-2; present number, 4.

E. H. CUTLER,
LUKE BLANCHARD,
JULIAN TUTTLE,
} *Overseers of Poor.*

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. MIDDLESEX, ss.

To John E. Cutter, Constable of the Town of Acton, in said County, Greeting:

You are hereby requested in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton, to meet at the Town Hall, on MONDAY, the sixth day of April next, at half-past ten o'clock A. M. By posting copies of this Warrant by you attested, at the Post Office, in the centre of the town, also at the stores of Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, Mead & Stone, and Isaac W. Flagg, in said town, seven days before the time appointed for said meeting, then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To fill all existing vacancies in the list of town officers.

ART. 3. To see what amount of money the town will raise to defray town charges the present year.

ART. 4. To see what amount of money the town will raise for support of schools the present year, and how it shall be expended.

ART. 5. To see what amount of money the town will raise to repair the roads the present year, and how it shall be expended.

ART. 6. To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to annually appoint a Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 7. To see if the town will choose a Superintendent of Burials.

ART. 8. To consider and act upon the acceptance of the Jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, and other town officers.

ART. 10. To see if the town will instruct their Treasurer to borrow money for the town if necessary.

ART. 11. To hear and act upon reports of any committee chosen to report at this meeting.

ART. 12. Shall the Selectmen grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town the present year, vote by ballot.

ART. 13. To see if the town will paint the school houses in North, East and South-east district, or pass any vote thereon.

ART. 14. To see if the town will build a fence at Mount Hope Cemetery, or pass any vote thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the town will order the removal of the stones or rocks lying in the highway between Simon Blanchard's and Nahum Littlefield's farms, or take any action thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the town will pay Hannah Trainor for manure bought by the Overseers of the Poor, and not paid for, or take any action thereon.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant to us with your doings thereon, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

D. J. WETHERBEE,
J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
J. W. DUPEE,
Selectmen of Acton.

Town Officers for 1885.

Town Clerk.

WM. D. TUTTLE.

Selectmen.

D. JAMES WETHERBEE, J. K. W. WETHERBEE, JOB W. DUPEE.

Assessors.

WM. D. TUTTLE, PHINEAS WETHERBEE, HIRAM J. HAPGOOD.

Overseers of the Poor.

ELISHA H. CUTLER, LUKE BLANCHARD,

One vacancy to be filled at April meeting.

School Committee.

CHARLES I. MILLER, for 2 years, FRANKLIN D. BARKER, for 1 year,
THERON F. NEWTON, for 3 years, LUKE J. ROBBINS, for 2 years,
GEORGE GARDNER, for 1 year.

One member to be chosen at next meeting.

Highway Surveyors.

CHARLES WHEELER, ABRAM H. JONES, ISAAC REED,
ELBRIDGE J. ROBBINS, GEORGE R. KEYES, FRANCIS PRATT.

Fence Viewers.

JAMES B. TUTTLE, NAHUM C. REED, OLIVER W. MEAD.

Surveyors of Lumber.

WM. B. DAVIS, EDWARD F. RICHARDSON, LEVI W. STEVENS,
GEORGE H. HARRIS, HERBERT T. CLARK, ELBRIDGE J. ROBBINS,
CHARLES A. BROOKS.

Surveyors of Wood.

WM. B. DAVIS, JONA W. LOKER, GEO. H. HARRIS,
S. L. DUTTON, ISAAC W. FLAGG, CHARLES H. TAYLOR,
JOHN F. DAVIS, EMERSON F. FULLER, H. T. CLARK,
HENRY D. PARLIN, CHARLES H. MEAD.

Surveyors of Hoops and Staves.

DAVID M. HANDLEY, AUGUSTUS FLETCHER.

Cemetery Committee.

JOHN FLETCHER, WM. W. DAVIS, LEVI W. STEVENS.

Field Drivers.

JAMES KINSLEY, CHARLES H. HANDLEY, F. D. BARKER,
FRED S. MEAD. CHAS. D. GRIGGS, WM. H. KINSLEY,
JOHN MCCARTHY.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON

FOR THE

School Year 1884-5.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The town, which has provided so munificently for the education of its children ought of right to be well informed as to the use made of its expenditures, and the measure of success resulting therefrom.

Such is one of the purposes of this report. Another purpose is to explain the methods of descipline and instruction employed, and recommended, so that committee, superintendent, teachers and parents, may the better understand and co-operate with each other to accomplish the desired results.

To have good schools we must have earnest, capable, energetic teachers, who have been well trained, in excellent schools from primary to high or normal school, proper supervision, and the zealous co-operation of parents.

Given these requisits, the results will be regular and prompt attendance, excellent deportment, and satisfactory progress. Your superintendent has, in the limited time at his command, done what he could to make the descipline as steady and uniform as possible in all the schools and to encourage thorough and practical instruction.

The system of monthly reviews and examinations commenced two years ago has been faithfully continued by the teachers, and the results, together with the deportment and attendance, reported to parents. The benefit of this was manifest in the promptness and accuracy of recitation at our recent annual examinations, and is also apparent in the increased average membership and attendance as shown in the tabular statement herewith printed. Such improvement in attendance shows a commendable increase of interest on the part of parents which is further evinced by the generally excellent deportment of the scholars.

We enter upon the new school year with a corps of competent teachers, but we must remember that they are but human and liable to err, and so long as they are animated with zeal for their work and are striving to perfect themselves in their high calling, we should retain, uphold and encourage them, and not discharge them, especially after several terms successful work, until after the most careful investigation the committee become satisfied that they have manifested a disposition or incapacity incompatible with the proper performance of their duties.

Methods of Discipline.

Usually the better the discipline the less the corporal punishment. Indeed in a school properly governed such punishment need seldom or never be resorted to. Let parents and scholars distinctly understand that implicit obedience is the condition of continuance in school, and disobedience will be rare.

The successful teacher will keep her pupils so busy with book, slate, crayon, gymnastics, music, or recitation, will so appeal to that love of praise and fear of blame to which children are most succeptible, will so bring to bear on the offender the moral sentiment of the school, and impress upon him the certainty of suspension or expulsion for persistent disobedience, that resort to physical force will very rarely be necessary.

Methods of Teaching.

While we aim to get the best teachers and let them pursue their own methods, it is proper for us to make a few suggestions.

In Reading scholars are too often allowed to pass to the higher book before they have mastered the lower one. The scholar who merely pronounces all the words in a book correctly and readily, is just fitted to be drilled in that book in emphasis, inflection, expression—to be taught to read as a good speaker talks. Parents should not be over anxious for their children to take the higher book.

Spelling receives its due share of attention in all the grades, but we advise the more constant use of the spelling book, and the taking it in course from beginning to end, that no common word in our language may be omitted. Both the oral and written methods should be practiced, but mainly the latter.

In Arithmetic, the giving of practical examples drawn from ordinary business transactions should be practiced in all the

grades. One such example performed by the shortest and simplest method, in the neatest manner, and clearly explained, the teacher and each member of the class giving the closest attention and sharpest criticism, will be so impressed on the mind as not to be forgotten, while the explanation of a dozen examples at one recitation will fade from the memory.

In Geography the method of map drawing from memory has been pursued in most of our schools, with excellent results. While we require the scholar to master the whole of Harper's Introductory Geography we have required only such portions of the larger book as we deem essential. An excellent exercise is to let the class make imaginary journeys along the coasts, up the rivers, and by the principal lines of railroad, drawing the map and describing the natural divisions of land and water, and naming the cities, boundaries, climate, productions and occupations.

It is a stubborn fact that many who know Grammar "by heart" still speak very incorrectly. Why is this? It is because they have been learning rules, but not practicing the use of correct forms of speech.

The two should go together, the practice, however, predominating. We think that only the simplest parsing and the more common rules and definitions should be taught in the Grammar schools, and abstruse rules and exceptions, and difficult analysis, be postponed to the latter part of the High school course.

But in all grades of school the study of grammar can avail little if the use of incorrect expressions is allowed to pass unnoticed. Such an expression affords a golden opportunity for a practical lesson in language. Be not satisfied with merely correcting the error, but insist that the scholar and even the whole class or school, repeat the correct form, and drill them to criticise an error in expression as readily as one in substance.

We have sought to introduce the simplest and most concise text books and discouraged the verbal memorizing of all but the tables and more essential rules and definitions, in order that more time may be given to such work as is herein indicated.

In correcting the monthly examination papers and other written exercises, the teachers should merely indicate errors by certain marks, and insist that the scholar make the correction himself and re-write the work in whole or part.

Let us now pass to a review of the different schools.

Center Grammar.

The Committee were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Carrie L. Haynes of Framingham, whose long and successful experience as a teacher in that town enabled her to enter upon her duties with all the advantage that an educated trained teacher has over one who is new in the work.

The discipline was good, the methods of instruction excellent, and the examination at the end of the year a most successful one. One exercise deserves special commendation—the recitation of brief gems of thought from the works of our best authors. If each of our schools were required to memorize weekly a few choice lines from some standard author, our scholars on going from school would carry with them rich treasures of noble thought, ready to spring to the lips in apt quotation.

Center Primary.

Of our old teachers we must speak briefly, having spoken so fully of them in our previous reports. Miss Ball so combines thorough instruction with varied and interesting exercises that her scholars go not "unwillingly to school," but deem it a great loss to be absent a day, and make excellent progress.

North School.

Miss Alice Mansfield of Chelmsford, taught the Spring and Fall terms with good success, but was obliged to employ a substitute for a few weeks on account of the sickness of a member of her family, and for a similar reason resigned at the end of the Fall term. Miss Eugenia Shea of Lynn, a normal graduate of two years successful experience as a teacher, succeeded Miss M., but in a few weeks went home ill, and soon passed from this life.

Miss Mary E. Davis of Chelmsford, completed the term. Notwithstanding these drawbacks the older scholars appeared well examination day, and deserve special praise for excellence of deportment.

East School.

Miss Susie A. Wetherbee continues to teach and govern this school, with that ability of which we have spoken in former reports. The large number of daily recitations—about twenty-five—comprising all grades, from the lowest primary to studies more properly pursued in the High School, render the task of teaching

very arduous; much more so than is the teaching of thrice as many scholars well classed. We remedied this evil all we could, by putting classes together when only a few pages separated them. The parents of scholars fitted for the High School should, if possible, send them there, instead of letting them do as best they can with only such brief instruciton as the busy teacher can give them. If not too inconvenient on account of distance, it would be better for all concerned if scholars from this school were to spend their last year before admission to the High School in the Center Grammar School, where they would be stimulated by the enthusiasm of a large class, and could receive that careful instruction which is possible only in a graded school, or a very small ungraded one.

South East School.

Miss Bertha Manley has now taught this school more than two years, and it has steadily improved in deportment and scholarship. Absenteeism is the great drawback here. Much of it is caused by sickness, and in case of very young scholars, by inclemency of the weather, but if parents would resolve that their children should be absent only for good cause, the school would make a better showing examination day, and in the tabular statement.

South Primary.

Miss Emma F. Estabrook, after having taught this school very successfully more than two years, resigned at the end of the Spring term, to enter into that more private position in life which the New England school mistress usually fills so admirably. She was succeeded in the school by Miss Viola S. Tuttle, under whose able discipline and instruction there was no diminution of success.

South Grammar.

Miss Jennie A. Hemenway taught the Spring and Fall terms with excellent success, and then resigned, to follow the example of Miss Estabrook. Miss Susan B. Holmes, a Normal School graduate, and for three years a successful teacher in a Cambridgeport grammar school, taught the Winter term, and no school in town is now under better instruction and discipline than this. Systematic exercises in drawing were a prominent feature examination day, and should be practiced in all our primary and grammar schools.

West Grammar.

Miss S. J. Wyman continues to give thorough instruction, but the annual examination was not quite up to the high standard previously maintained, due no doubt largely to the fact that her largest and best class at the beginning of the Winter term left her for the High School.

West Primary.

Miss C. Lettie Newton has now taught this school two years with increasing success, until it is now second to no school in town in excellence of discipline and character, and amount of work done. Nowhere have we seen more accurate memory maps than those that adorned the boards examination day.

High School.

It has been a matter of some difficulty to decide on the requirements for admission. It was necessary to fix the standard according to the material we were likely to have to choose from. At present the requirements are—the ability to read well at sight any selection from the Grammar School Reader, good spelling and penmanship, the Franklin Arithmetic or its equivalent to "Roots," the whole of the prescribed course in Geography as stated elsewhere in this report, and in grammar, Swinton's Language Primer, and Language Lessons. The sickness of Mr. Williams, the teacher, detracted somewhat from the success of the Winter term, but the excellence of the work done in the five preceeding terms, and even in the last term, as well as the general good behavior and enthusiasm of the scholars, lead us to believe the teacher, with renewed health, will in the future be even more successful than in the past, and that this school will become a permanent part of our school system.

Appended is the usual tabular statement.

For the Committee,

FREDERICK C. NASH, *Superintendent.*

FINANCIAL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Acton:

The undersigned, School Committee of Acton, respectfully submit the following report of receipts and expenditures for the year, and for a statement of the condition of the schools refer you to the Superintendent's report, and annexed tables.

JOHN E. CUTTER, Chairman.
THERON F. NEWTON, Clerk.
GEORGE GARDNER.
LUKE J. ROBBINS.

Acton, March 25th, 1885.

South School.

To cash paid Jennie A Hemenway, 24 weeks	$228	00
Susan Holmes, 12 "	120	00
Emma Esterbrooks, 12 "	108	00
Viola S. Tuttle	216	00
F. J. Wood, care of house	90	00
" cleaning "	3	98
E. Jones & Co., coal	32	75
Mrs. Edward Harris, cleaning		75
E. Jones, wood	2	25
David Rynn, sawing same	1	00
	$802	73

CR.

By cash received from town	$802	73

THERON F. NEWTON, Committee.

South East School.

To cash paid Bertha Manley, 36 weeks	$324	00
" " care of house	9	00
Frank D. Barker, wood	17	50
Sylvester Haynes, work	8	00
	$358	50

CR.

By cash received from town	$358	00

THERON F. NEWTON, Committee.

Acton High School.

To cash paid H. H. Williams	$240	00
F. J. Wood, care of room	15	00
E. Jones & Co., coal	10	35
Geo. Gardner, piano	1	58
	$266	93

CR.

By cash received from town	$266	93

THERON F. NEWTON, Committee.

Centre School.

To cash paid teachers	$674	00
Fuel and repairs	77	28
Cleaning house	6	66
Care of house	43	00
	$801	94

CR.

By cash received from town	$801	94

JOHN E. CUTTER, Committee.

North Acton School.

To cash paid teachers	$308	00
Fuel and repairs	12	85
Care of house	21	00
Miller	10	00
	$351	85

CR.

By cash received from town	$351	85

JOHN E. CUTTER, Committee.

East School.

To cash paid S. A. Wetherbee, 36 weeks	$324	00
Care of house	21	00
Coal	21	75
Wood	4	00
Cutting wood	1	60
Crayons		60
	$372	95

CR.

By cash received from town	$372	95

LUKE J. ROBBINS, Committee.

Scholars Neither Absent nor Tardy during the Year

West Grammar School.

Emma J. Hart, Ida L. Richardson,
Bertram D. Hall, 1 term High School.

West Primary School.

Ray Littlefield.

Centre Grammar School.

May Calder, Clara Hammond.

Scholars not Tardy during the Year.

Centre Grammar School.

Arthur Allen,
Lottie Conant,
May Calder,
Clara Hammond,
Sarah Edwards,
Eugene Johnson,
Jennie McCarty,
Lizzie Manion,
Maude Purcell,
Albert Reed,
Clara Robbins,
Hattie Robbins,
Jessie Wood,
Grace Tuttle, 1 term.

Centre Primary School.

Charles W. Bemis,
Carrie E. Taylor,
Mary E. Edwards,
Simon D. Taylor.

Acton High School.

Lutie Conant,
Arthur B. Davis, 1 term,
Edwin Smith, 2 terms,
Carrie F. Hanson,
Minnie S. Harris,
Clara A. Nye, 1 term,
Lottie Richardson, 1 term,
Sadie E. Sawyer,
Carrie L. Shapley.

East School.

Blanche M. Bassett,
Bertha E. Hosmer, 1 term High,
Mabel F. Hanscom,
Mary E. O'Neil,
Emma M. Sawyer,
Mabel F. Wetherbee,
John E. O'Neil,
James O'Neil,
Fred L. Robbins.

North School.

Hattie E. Smith,
Irving E. Smith,
Walter E. Smith,
Everett S. Wayne,
Augusta W. Smith,
Rena N. Keyes, 2 terms,
Bertha H. Dupee.

South East School.

George Clough, part of 1 term,
Eva Penniman, 2 terms,
Rebecca Mulholland,
Emma Charlow, 1 term,
Nancy M. Austin, 1 term,
Frank Austin, 1 term,
George Austin, 1 term,
Robert McCarty, 1 term,
Maria McCarty, 1 term,
Nellie McCarty, 2 terms.

West Grammar School.

Mabel H. Decoster,
Bertha L. Gardner, 1 term High,
Gertie M. Guilford,
Addie L. Guilford,
Carrie M. Gilmore,
Etta R. Hall,
Hattie B. Harris, 1 term High,
Alice J. Hoar, 1 term High,
Edith B. Holden, 1 term High,
Fred. H. Nash, 1 term High,
Grace N. Houghton,
Lulu M. Lawrence,
Susie M. Poultney,
Viola A. Preston,
Mabel L. Robinson, 1 term High,
Eddie H. Robinson,
Alice L. Stone,
Grace E. Tuttle, 1 term Grammar and 1 term High,
Emma J. Hart,
Ida L. Richardson,
Bertram D. Hall, 1 term High.

West Primary School.

Lulu Whitcomb, 2 terms,
Willie Brazalle,
Ruth Carey, 1 term,
Wilson Carey, 1 term,
Charlie Decoster,
Richard Davis,
Fred Davis,
Willie Gilmore,
Sidney Edwards, 1 term,
Ethel Handley,
John Hanaford,
Bertie Holt,
Hattie Lawrence,
Mabelle Mead,
Ella Puffer, 1 term,
Willie Puffer, 1 term,
Alfred Richardson,
Mary Frank Rich,
Willie Rich,
Julia Rhoades,
Carl Rhoades,
Elma Stone,
Harry Tuttle,
Ray Littlefield.

South Grammar School.

Olive G. Barker,
Jessie E. Currie,
Evie B. Fletcher,
Ida A. Hapgood,
Alice M. Hanson,
Ada M. Jones,
Lilian F. Richardson,
Bessie Tucker, 1 term,
Carrie L. Wheeler,
Isa I. Willis, 1 term,
A. Maud Sawyer,
Guy E. Currie,
A. Raymond Currie,
Willie S. Fletcher,
Charlie Hapgood, moved,
Charlie S. Moulton, 2 terms,
George Warren, 1 term,
Jerry Bradley, 2 weeks,
George Clough, 2 terms.

South Primary School.

Emma Bradford,
Helen Bradford,
Jessie Jones,
Bertha Newton,
Clara Sawyer,
Annie Tucker,
Ella Spinney,
Almira Page, 1 term,
Mabel Hastings,
Frank Hapgood,
Harry Sawyer,
Fred Baldwin,
Willie Tucker,
Johnny Hannon,
Frank E. Hapgood,
James Culliane,
Richard Murphy, 1 term,
Percy Tuttle,
Clifford Robbins,
Raymond Tuttle, 1 term,
Fred Tuttle, 1 term,
Georgie Clapp,
Cora Clough.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Length of school in months.	Wages per month.	Whole no. scholars.	Av'age membership.	Average attendance.	No. over 15 years.	No. under 5 years.	No. between 8 and 14
	SPRING TERM.								
Centre, { Grammar,	Miss Carrie L. Haynes,	2 1-2	$36 00	25	25	24	1	0	24
{ Primary,	" Bessie M. Ball,	2 1-2	36 00	18	17	16	0	1	4
South, { Grammar,	" J. A. Hemmenway,	3	38 00	34	30 2-3	30	2	0	32
{ Primary,	" Emma F. Estabrook,	3	36 00	39	36	34	0	1	15
West, { Grammar,	" Sarah J. Wyman,	3	40 00	37	36	35	3	0	34
{ Primary,	" C. Lettie Newton,	3	36 00	42	41	39 1-3	0	0	15
North,	" Alice M. Mansfield,	2 1-2	32 00	17	16 2-3	15 1-2	1	0	6
East,	" Susie A. Wetherbee,	3	36 00	25	20 1-8	18 3-4	0	1	7
South East.	" Bertha Manley,	3	36 00	19	16 2-3	14 1-3	1	2	13
High.	Mr. H. H. Williams,	3	80 00	32	31 3-4	30 1-12	22	0	3
	FALL TERM.								
Center, { Grammar,	Miss Carrie L. Haynes,	3	$40 00	25	20 3-4	18 5-6	1	0	24
{ Primary,	" Bessie M. Ball,	3	36 00	25	23 1-3	21 1-3	0	0	9
South, { Grammar,	" J. A. Hemmenway,	3	38 00	30	27 1-3	25 2-3	0	0	30
{ Primary,	" Viola S. Tuttle,	3	36 00	34	30	26 1-6	0	1	15
West, { Grammar,	" S. J. Wyman,	3	40 00	34	32 1-2	31 2-3	1	0	33
{ Primary,	" C. L. Newton,	3	36 00	39	35 1-3	34 1-6	0	0	16
North,	" Alice Mansfield,	3	36 00	17	16 5-6	16 1-20	3	0	6
East,	" S. A. Wetherbee.	2 3-4	36 00	23	22 1-8	21 1-3	0	0	7
South East,	" Bertha Manley,	3	36 00	20	16	14 1-6	0	1	12
High,	Mr. H. H. Williams,	3	80 00	23	21	19 1-6	17	0	3
	WINTER TERM.								
Center, { Grammar,	Miss C. L. Haynes,	3 1-2	$40 00	29	28	25	5	0	24
{ Primary,	" B. M. Ball,	3 1-2	36 00	22	19 1-16	14 3-4	0	0	4
South, { Grammar,	" Susan B. Holmes,	3	40 00	26	24 2-3	23	0	0	26
{ Primary,	" Viola S. Tuttle,	3	36 00	31	28 1-2	25	0	0	16
West, { Grammar,	" S. J. Wyman,	3	40 00	29	27 1-2	26 1-3	1	0	24
{ Primary,	" C. L. Newton,	3	36 00	37	34	30 1-3	0	0	24
North,	" Eugenia Shea, } " Mary E. Davis. }	3 1-4	36 00	17	17	15 1-8	3	0	6
East,	" S. A. Wetherbee.	3 1-4	36 00	28	26 1-2	20 2-3	3	0	11
South East,	" Bertha Manley,	3	36 00	19	15	12 5-6	0	2	11
High,	Mr. H. H. Williams,	3	80 00	42	37 1-3	33 2-3	26	0	8

Number of children in town between five and fifteen, as reported by the Assessors, May 14, 1884, 263.

Sum raised by town for each, (besides $800.00 for High School,) $12.16.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND OTHER OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON

From Feb. 26, 1885, to Feb. 26, 1886.

INCLUDING THE MARRIAGES, BIRTHS and DEATHS IN 1885

ALSO THE

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



HUDSON:
THE ENTERPRISE STEAM JOB PRINT,
1886.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Acton in Account with J. K. W. Wetherbee, Treas.

Dr.

1886.			
Feb 26.	To cash paid for State Tax,	1,110 00	
	" " County tax,	860 22	
	" paid on Selectmen's orders,	15,009 53	
	Outstanding orders,	1,379 04	
	Balance due the town,	375 55	
			$18,734 34

Cr.

By Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 26th, 1885,	$1,871 17	
Amount received of County Treasurer on account of dog licenses,	229 89	
Received of L. W. Stevens for lots sold in Mount Hope cemetery in 1884,	36 00	
Received of town of Methuen, for aid furnished William Austin,	22 87	
Received of Town of Methuen, for aid furnished E. S. New,	99 92	
Received of State Treasurer, for support of State paupers,	27 15	
Received of G. H. Warren, for rent of school room,	33 00	
Received of Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee borrowed money,	3,000 00	
Received of George Chandler borrowed money,	500 00	
Received of J. K. W. Wetherbee, borrowed money,	1,200 00	
Received of C. H. Stuart for old lumber,	3 75	
Received of Town of Natick, for aid furnished James Hoye,	10 51	
Received for rent of Town Hall cellar,	25 50	
Received of R. L. Reed, for rent of Town Hall and cellar,	64 00	
Amount carried forward,		$7123 76

Amount brought forward,	$7123 76	
Received of State Treasurer for Corporation tax,	713 04	
Received of State Treasurer for National Bank Tax,	708 71	
Received of State Treasurer for State Aid,	73 00	
Received of State Treasurer, relief of indigent soldiers,	184 00	
Received of State Treasurer for income of school fund,	164 99	
Received of N. Johnson for stone,	2 50	
Received of J. W. Dupee for taxes for A. D. 1882,	392 68	
Received of John E. Cutter, Collector of Taxes,	9,318 75	
Received for interest on money,	52 91	
		$18,734 34

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,

Treasurer of Acton.

Acton, Feb. 26, 1886.

Report of the Selectmen of the Town of Acton,

From Feb. 26, 1885, to Feb. 26, 1886.

CENTRE DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Paid John E. Cutter,	$260 00	
" " "	250 00	
" " "	294 25	
		$804 25

WEST DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Paid Miss S. J. Wyman, services as teacher,	$60 00	
Miss C. Lettie Newton, " "	54 00	
W. C. Gardiner, care of house,	25 00	
Miss S. J. Wyman, sevices as teacher.	60 00	
Miss C. Lettie Newton, " "	54 00	
" " " " "	40 00	
" " " " "	40 00	
Miss S. J. Wyman, " "	80 00	
Miss C. Lettie Newton, " "	70 00	
Miss S. J. Wyman, " "	70 00	
E. C. Parker, for coal,	38 37	
W. C. Gardner, care of house,	25 00	
Miss S. J. Wyman, teaching school,	40 00	
Miss C. Lettie Newton, " "	40 00	
" " " " "	50 00	
Miss S. J. Wyman, " "	50 00	
		$796 37

SOUTH DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Paid Theron F. Newton,	$270 00	
" " coal and wood,	33 43	
" " South District,	10 00	
" " " "	237 50	
Susan B. Holmes, teaching,	44 00	
" " "	44 00	
T. F. Newton, care of house,	10 00	
" " South District,	204 50	
		$853 43

EAST DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Paid Luke J. Robbins.	East District,	$121 62		
" "	coal, "	7 00		
" "	"	104 50		
" "	coal, "	20 02		
" "	"	135 50		
				$388 64

SOUTH-EAST DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Paid Frank D. Barker,	$113 00		
" "	109 15		
" "	131 00		
			$353 15

NORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Paid Ella D. Daniels, services as teacher,	$54 00		
C. I. Miller, north school	59 00		
" " coal for north school,	28 88		
" " North District,	36 00		
" " "	68 00		
" " "	54 00		
" " "	74 00		
			$373 88

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid E. C. Parker, coal for West High School,	$12 00		
W. C. Gardner, care of house, West High School,	12 00		
H. H. Williams, services as teacher in high school, W. Acton,	240 00		
H. H. Williams, services as teacher in high school, Acton Centre,	80 00		
T. F. Newton, coal for high school,	12 80		
H. H. Williams, teaching school,	80 00		
" " "	60 00		
" " "	80 00		
" " "	80 00		
J. E. Cutter, for coal and care of house,	18 75		
T. F. Newton, for high school,	121 25		
			$796 80

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid T. F. Newton, school supplies,	$39 89	
" " "	6 44	
" " "	148 38	
" " "	126 74	
" " "	33 54	
" " "	282 69	
" " "	140 43	
" " "	74 09	
" " "	184 67	
" " "	23 22	
		$1,060 09

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid F. C. Nash, balance of salary for Supt. of schools,	$50 00	
L. U. Holt, sealer weights and measures,	8 00	
Rev. C. L. Rhoades, Supt. of schools,	41 67	
H. J. Hapgood, services as Assessor,	21 00	
A. L. Noyes, services as Registrar,	15 00	
John White, " "	15 00	
Chas. B. Stone, " "	15 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, " "	15 00	
Phineas Wetherbee, services as Assessor,	25 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, " "	32 00	
C. L. Rhoades, Supt. of schools,	41 66	
J. W. Dupee, collecting taxes, 1882,	70 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, services Town Clerk,	25 00	
J. W. Dupee, services Selectman,	45 00	
D. J. Wetherbee, "	85 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, "	45 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, Treasurer,	40 00	
		$589 33

PRINTING.

Paid John F. Wood, Selectmen's report and warrants,	$68 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, printing warrants,	6 75	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, order blanks,	2 25	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, advertising,	1 50	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, fishing and hunting notices,	3 50	
S. F. Pratt, printing,	2 60	
		$84 60

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid L. W. Stevens, labor in Mt. Hope cemetery,	$71 75	
John Fletcher, labor and material in Woodlawn cemetery,	16 38	
L. W. Stevens, labor and lumber in Mt. Hope cemetery,	113 37	
John Fletcher, labor on monument,	1 00	
John Fletcher, labor in Woodlawn cemetery,	40 60	
John Fletcher, labor in North Acton cemetery,	8 00	
		$251 10

STATE AID.

Paid John Carroll,	$132 00	
Allen G. Smith,	82 00	
Benj. Skinner,	96 00	
Ola Nelson,	48 00	
Geo. Dole,	40 00	
Richard G. Dane,	60 00	
Mrs. R. C. Wright,	48 00	
		$506 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid E. H. Cutler, deficiency on town farm,	$301 19	
" support Clara Wheeler,	45 21	
" " E. Burgendahl,	43 97	
" " Emily Towne,	44 21	
" " James Hoye,	10 51	
" " James Stowe,	10 00	
Dr. Sanders, med. attendance, J. Stott,	14 00	
E. H. Cutler, support Wm. Austin,	22 87	
Luke Blanchard, expense respecting poor,	15 85	
E. H. Cutler, support Mrs. Pike,	20 00	
" " Abbie Fish,	4 82	
" " Michael Folard,	2 00	
" " Mrs. Whitney,	27 83	
" " Pat Sullivan,	26 00	
" " Mrs. Stanton,	1 60	
" " Clara Wheeler,	52 40	
" " E. Burgendahl,	43 38	
" " Emily Towne,	42 35	
Amount carried forward,		$728 19

Amount brought forward,	$728 19	
Paid E. H. Cutler, support Clara Wheeler,	56 36	
" " E. Burgendahl,	42 71	
" " E. F. Towne,	48 61	
" " Annie Shaw,	134 50	
Dr. Hutchins, attendance to Annie Shaw,	97 05	
E. H. Cutler, support Mrs. Pike,	25 00	
" " James E. Harris,	40 69	
" " Mrs. Whitney,	15 00	
" " E. S. New,	99 92	
" " Redding family,	19 50	
" " Mrs. Whitney,	15 00	
" " Clara Wheeler,	48 59	
" " E. Burgendahl,	47 01	
" " E. F. Towne,	45 95	
" " Mrs. Whitney,	23 03	
" aid furnished Penniman family,	5 00	
" aid furnished Baker family,	3 01	
" support T. Russell,	39 76	
" " J. E. Harris,	28 39	
" " Ola Nelson,	10 00	
" " Redding family,	19 50	
" " Mrs. Whitney,	10 00	
" " Mrs. Pike,	9 75	
" journey to Tewksbury,	3 50	
" " Amesbury,	12 50	
" " Concord,	1 50	
" " Worcester,	8 00	
" telegraph dispatch,	35	
" aiding tramps,	35	
" stationery and stamps,	1 50	
		$1,640 22

REGULAR HIGHWAY WORK.

Paid Charles Wheeler,	$ 325 00	
A. H. Jones,	400 00	
A. M. Knowlton,	3 55	
Charles Wheeler,	427 26	
Charles Wheeler, on Hall road by order Selectmen,	29 74	
A. H. Jones, regular highway work,	338 15	
A. H. Jones, repairs on road at Mrs. Law, by order Selectmen,	59 69	
		$1,583 39

BRIDGES.

Paid E. Jones & Co., plank and spikes for Powder mill bridge,	$131 22	
Michael Hannon, on account of bridge,	100 00	
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Geo. McQueston & Co., lumber for bridge, near J. W. Flagg's house,	96 58	
Charles Wheeler, labor building bridge and grading near J. W. Flagg's house,	50 75	
A. H. Jones, repairs on Powder mill bridge,	23 95	
J. W. Flagg, for nails, zinc and bolts, for bridge,	14 68	
D. J. Wetherbee, teaming lumber for bridge,	5 00	
D. J. Wetherbee, freight on lumber for bridge,	8 40	
		$530 58

REPAIRS ON TOWN BUILDINGS.

Paid Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, furniture town hall,	$6 74	
F. E. Harris, repairs on West Acton school house,	15 39	
C. I. Miller, repairs on North Acton school house,	13 60	
L. U. Holt, repairs on North Acton school house,	9 95	
L. U. Holt stove for West Acton school house,	44 23	
T. F. Newton, repairs on So. Acton school house,	5 20	
H. T. Clark, closets West district,	10 00	
F. D. Barker, repairs on Southeast school house,	10 67	
C. L. Davis, labor and material painting East school house,	69 56	
C. L. Davis, labor and material paint- Southeast school house,	66 86	
C. L. Davis, labor and material painting North school house,	73 76	
E. Jones & Co., lumber for town hall,	24 84	
Amount carried forward,		$350 80

Amount brought forward,	$350 80	
Paid L. U. Holt, repairs on furnace No. Acton district,	33 10	
L. U. Holt, stove and pipe Centre district,	47 78	
C. I. Miller, lumber and labor North Acton school house,	31 26	
Luke J. Robbins, repairs on East school house,	12 39	
F. W. Greene, cleaning house and vault West Acton district,	6 50	
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, material decorating town hall,	5 12	
F. D. Barker, repairs on southeast school house,	17 78	
Warren Houghton, repairs on West school house,	5 05	
J. E. Cutter, lining for stove and grate, Centre district,	7 23	
J. E. Cutter, repairing settees, do,	3 75	
Wayne and Hosmer, labor,	5 13	
Window cord,	2 25	
Dressing blackboards,	8 35	
Tinting walls,	96 96	
		$633 45

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid John E. Cutter, for tuition of Mr. Bullette and Mr. Littlefield's children,	$28 50	
T. F. Newton, wood and repairs South district	9 07	
B. C. Nickerson, entertaining sixth Regt,	166 40	
Dr. Sanders, memorial expenses,	100 00	
P. A. Collins, counsel in bounty case,	250 00	
Daniel Tuttle, yoke for town farm,	3 00	
Sullivan, Harris & Prescott, stone for town house,	11 50	
Samuel Hoar, expenses in bounty case by order of Supreme Court,	387 02	
Daniel Tuttle, expenses for band Apr. 19,	10 00	
John Fletcher, platform for town pump,	2 50	
Francis Jones, painting and lettering guide boards,	51 48	
Amount carried forward,		$1018 47

Amount brought forward.	$1018	47
Paid A. L. Tuttle, breaking roads in 1883,	14	40
L. E. Reed, making 25 death returns 1884,	6	25
L. E. Reed, summoning two witnesses before registrars 1884,	3	32
L. E. Reed, express on cover for hearse		50
L. E. Reed, attending 19 burials,	57	00
E. A. Phelan, labor on hitching posts, town hall,	12	79
S. Robbins, labor on hitching posts, town hall,	2	50
S. Robbins, labor on tables.	13	83
W. N. Sharp, vaccinating five children,	2	00
J. Kinsley, for use of road for Hurley,	8	00
Luther Conant and D. J. Wetherbee, expenses on bounty case,	40	00
Henry Brooks, land widening road,	61	00
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, pails,	10	50
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, three doz. grenades,	26	25
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, 12 holders,	2	75
R. L. Reed, labor on fire escape and hitching posts,	19	05
C. B. Sanders, vaccinating 45 school children,	18	00
F. D. Barker, clock southeast district,	4	00
H. J. Hapgood, collectors and overseers books,	2	00
A. H. Jones, railing road at Bowens mills,	45	81
D. J. Wetherbee, breaking roads 1885,	5	79
C. L. Davis, painting guide boards,	3	87
E. Jones & Co., lumber for town house,	10	53
E. Jones & Co., lumber for railings,	3	22
E. Jones & Co., brackets for fire ladders,	2	65
M. E. Taylor, oil, wicks and supplies town hall,	13	13
J. W. Dnpee, abatement of taxes 1882,	31	60
Wm. D. Tuttle, express charges,	1	83
Wm. D. Tuttle, postage and stationary,		95
Wm. D. Tuttle, laying out road,	2	75
Wm. D. Tuttle, index book,	2	28
Wm. D. Tuttle, journey to Concord,	1	50
Wm. D. Tuttle, journey to Boston,	1	00
Wm. D. Tuttle, recording births,	16	00
Amount carried forward,		$1465 52

	Amount brought forward,	$1465 52	
Paid Wm. D. Tuttle, recording deaths,		4 80	
Wm. D. Tuttle, recording marriages,		3 60	
E. J. Robbins for chestnut posts,		4 00	
R. L. Reed, care of hall,		58 15	
"	care of clock,	15 00	
"	for wood,	2 50	
"	for glass,	1 10	
"	for oil for clock,	1 00	
"	repairs on town pump,	1 00	
Isaac Reed, breaking roads, 1884,		12 60	
"	work on sluice,	1 50	
D. J. Wetherbee, for care town house,		13 50	
J. E. Cutter, collecting taxes, 1883,		47 50	
"	posting warrants,	10 00	
"	collecting taxes, 1884,	150 00	
"	discount on taxes, 1885,	488 28	
"	notifying persons to take oath, 1883,	1 75	
"	notifying persons to take oath, 1884,	2 50	
Town of Littleton, schooling children of Littlefield and Bullette, 1883-84,		100 00	
Town of Littleton, schooling children Mr. Bullette, 1885,		6 00	
L. E. Reed, attending 16 burials,		48 00	
"	making death returns,	6 50	
"	straps for hearse,	50	
			$2446 30

TEMPOARY LOAN PAID.

Paid Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, note and interest,	$1540 83

BOUNTY TAX.

Bounty Tax refunded,	$1156 16

RECAPITULATION.

Unexpended balance as per report, Feb. 26, 1885, not including bounty tax,	$1,288 06	
Bounty tax collected in 1882 and '83,	1,461 19	
Town charges,	3,000 00	
" for schools,	4,100 00	
" for roads,	1,400 00	
" for overlayings,	162 93	
" for State tax,	1,110 00	
" for County tax,	860 22	
Received of State Treasurer for dog fund,	229 89	
for lots sold Mt. Hope cemetery,	36 00	
from Town Methuen, aid of W. Austin,	22 87	
from State Treasury for support of State paupers,	27 15	
for rent school-room, South Acton,	33 00	
for old lumber,	3 75	
from Town Natick, support of Jos. Hoye,	10 51	
for rent town hall cellar,	25 50	
from corporation tax,	713 04	
National bank tax,	708 71	
State aid,	73 00	
Soldiers aid,	184 00	
Town of Medway, aid furnished E. S. New,	99 92	
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, money borrowed,	3,000 00	
Geo. Chandler, borrowed money,	500 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, borrowed money,	1,200 00	
Income from school fund,	164 99	
Interest on money in bank,	52 91	
Nathan Johnson, for stone,	2 50	
R. L. Reed, use of Town Hall,	50 50	
" " cellar,	13 50	
		$20,534 14

RECEIPTS

From February 26, 1885 to Feb. 26, 1886.

Unexpended balance as per report Feb. 26, 1885, not including bounty tax,	$1,288 06	
Bounty tax collected,	1,461 19	
Appropriation and receipts	17,784 89	
		$20,534 14

EXPENDITURES,

Support of Centre District School,	$804 25	
" West "	796 37	
" South "	853 43	
" North "	373 88	
" East "	388 64	
" South-east "	353 15	
" High School,	796 80	
School supplies,	1,060 09	
Town officers,	589 33	
Cemetery expenses,	251 10	
Printing,	84 60	
State aid,	506 00	
Poor,	1,640 22	
Regular highway work,	1,583 39	
Bridges,	530 58	
Repairs on town buildings,	633 45	
Miscellaneous expenses,	2,446 30	
Temporary loan paid,	1,540 83	
State tax,	1,110 00	
County tax,	860 22	
Bounty tax refunded,	1,156 16	
		$18,358 79
Balance in Collecter's hands,	1,799 80	
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	375 55	
		$2,175 35
		$20,534 14

Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee note,	$1,500 00	
George Chandler note,	500 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee note,	1,200 00	
		$3200 00
Balance against the town,		1,024 65

D. J. WETHERBEE,
J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
J. W. DUPEE,
Selectmen of Acton.

Acton, Feb. 26, 1886.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

BIRTHS.

1885

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1885.		
Jan. 17,	A daughter,	Frank and Honora (Baker)
Feb. 14,	Maggie Calinane,	Daniel and Maggie (Callahan)
Mar. 2,	Benjamin F. Hayward,	Amos H. and Etta C. (Hatch)
" 12,	Lizze Jones Brown,	James P. and Laura A. (Jones)
" 14,	Blanche Silvia Piper,	Anson C. and Ellen L. (Jones)
" 30,	Albert Porter Durkee,	J. Edward and Susie E. (Tuttle)
Apr. 3,	Roy Luke Buttles,	Hiram S. and Sybil G. (Selleck)
" 19,	Ralph Leroy Barnes,	Wm. and Charlotte E. (Hatch)
May 6,	Randall Augustus Whittier,	twin children of
" 6,	Wayland Franklin Whittier,	Geo. E. and N. Edna (Walker)
" 31,	Mary Quinland,	John and Julia (Carey)
June 24,	Alice Lovenia Wood,	Edward and Mary B. (McLearn)
July 7,	Ralph Edwin Houghton,	Frank W. and Lizzie L. (Walker)
" 15,	Irving Gordon Dart,	Oswald L. and Cora A. (Cooper)
Aug. 2,	Alva Spencer Rhoades,	Rev. Chas. L. and Mary E. (Fitch)
" 15,	Abbie Gertrude Palmer,	Nathan R. and Abbie M. (Martin)
" 23,	Julia McCarthy,	John Jr. and Mary A. (McElligott)
Sept. 1,	Martha Taylor,	S. H. and Mary B. (Thompson)
" 7,	Everett Derby Barker,	Franklin D. and Lucietta (Derby)
" 9,	Bernard H. Knowlton,	Osha and Nellie F. (Handley)
" 18,	Frederick S. Mead, Jr.,	Frederick S. and Lizzie M. (Gates)
Oct. 1,	Olive May Harrington,	Chas. E. and Marion E. (Brodie)
" 6,	Frank H. Finch,	Chas. and Phebe M. (Smith)
" 9,	Eva May Lawrence,	Austin E. and Mary J. (Stebbins)
" 27,	Harold La Roy Crosby,	Frank L. and Josie M. (Keith)
" 27,	Charles Barnard Cole,	Geo. W. and Anna Z. (Hewins)
" 31,	Ethel Brown Hastings,	Lewis C. and Emma F. (Brown)
Nov. 5,	Rebecca Nye Warren,	Wm. S. and Rose E. (Stacy)
Dec. 14,	A daughter,	Wm. G. and Sarah R. (Warren)
" 19,	Charles T. Owens,	Thomas and Eliza J. (Edwards)
" 26,	Roland Ellis Hutchins,	Geo. Y. and Hattie A. (Parker)

1885

MARRIAGES.

	DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
	1885		
1	Feb. 7,	Charles D. Griggs.	Acton.
		Abbie E. Roberts.	Acton.
2	Feb. 8,	Charles H. Handley.	Acton.
		Katie B. Jewett.	Acton.
3	Feb. 22,	Aaron Wheeler.	Natick.
		Mary L. Hosmer.	Acton.
4	Mar. 7,	William Banks.	Acton.
		Elizabeth Jane Tucker.	Acton.
5	Mar. 9,	James B. Wheeler.	Acton.
		Mary Amanda Wheeler.	Acton.
6	Mar. 17,	George H. Brigham.	Marlborough.
		Katie Lavelle.	Marlborough.
7	Apr. 25,	Frank L. Crosby.	Acton.
		Josephine M. Keith.	Acton.
8	May 25,	George A. Conant.	Acton.
		Mabel E. Dow.	Acton.
9	May 27,	Webster C. Robbins.	Acton.
		Amelia H. Nichols.	Concord.
10	June 10,	Maurice Hefferman.	Boston.
		Nellie A. Hannon.	Acton.
11	June 18,	William G. Brown.	Acton.
		Sarah R. Warren,	Stow.
12	June 27,	Walter N. Sharp.	Acton.
		Nettie C. Fuller.	Acton.
13	July 12,	William F. Richardson.	Acton.
		Flora A. Foote.	Acton.
14	July 12,	Walter A. Wright,	Concord.
		Emma J. Willis,	Concord.
15	Sept. 11,	Benjamin F. Keith.	Acton.
		Tinsa Wagner.	Maynard.
16	Sept. 12,	John McCarthy.	Acton.
		Ellen Louise Tuohey.	Acton.
17	Sept. 23,	Frank Zeheth Taylor.	Acton.
		Caroline Augusta White.	Ringe, N. H.
18	Nov. 3,	John S. Hoar.	Acton.
		Minnie R. Hart.	Acton.

No.	DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
	1885.		
19	Nov. 13,	William T. Mason.	Acton.
		Etta T. Hoyt.	Acton.
20	Nov. 15,	James W. Hunt.	Maynard.
		Mary E. Grimes.	Acton.
21	Nov. 23,	Rev. Howard M. Jones.	Albert Lea, Minn.
		Clara R. Tuttle.	Acton.
22	Dec. 3,	H. Everett Burnham.	Maynard.
		Rachel E. Scott.	Maynard.
23	May 23,	Hendrick Miller.	Maynard.
		Abbie A. Puffer.	Concord.
24	July 15,	Philip Allen.	Stow.
		Ellen Gates.	Stow.

DEATHS. 1885

No.	1885 Date of Death.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE. Yrs.	Ms.	Ds.	RESIDENCE.	PLACE OF BIRTH.
1	Feb. 10,	George Frazier,	1	5		Acton,	Lowell.
2	Mar. 1,	Blanche L. Hayward,	6	11		"	Milford.
3	" 2,	Eldora M. Williams,		2	9	"	Acton.
4	" 11,	Mary F. Wellington,	59			"	Wilton, Me.
5	" 19,	Ellen Kearney,	8	5	15	"	Hudson.
6	" 22,	Frances Booker,	9	11		"	Ludlow, Eng.
7	Apr. 22,	Lucretia A. Frost.	65	4	13	"	———
8	" 25,	Michael McCarthy,	32			"	Boston.
9	" 23,	Daniel Fletcher,	74	8		"	Acton.
10	May 5,	Alvin A. Hayward,	37	9		"	"
11	" 15,	Albert M. Horslin,	1	6		"	"
12	June 3,	Isaiah B. Perkins,	85	3	19	"	Brookfield.
13	" 6,	Ann Kinsley,	70			"	Ireland.
14	" 24,	Sarah J. Reed,	56	8	20	"	Billerica.
15	" 29,	W. J. McLaughlin,	1	1	22	"	Acton.
16	July 9,	Ancil W. Knowlton,	33	1		"	Swanville, Me.
17	" 13,	Daniel T. Moore,	23	3	14	"	Acton.
18	Aug. 24,	Frances A. Knight,	48	9	9	"	Concord.
19	Sept. 15,	Zabine C. Burroughs,	84	9		"	Alstead, N. H.
20	" 27,	Ada M. Knowlton,	1	2	11	"	Acton.
21	Oct. 20,	Silas W. Wetherbee,	79	8	4	"	Boxborough.
22	Nov. 5,	Lydia R. Keyes,	73	4		"	Acton.
23	" 17,	Frank H. Finch,		1	15	"	"
24	" 25,	George H. Warren,	61	7		"	Littleton.
25	Dec. 1,	Jennie McAllister,	33	7	22	"	Shrewsbury.
26	" 10,	Mary A. Mehegan,	18	10	7	"	East Boston.
27	" 21,	Olive May Harrington,		3		"	Acton.
28	" 23,	Horatio Law,	85	8	21	"	"

Whole No., 28; Average age, 37 6-10 years.

AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM LICENSES OF DOGS, SINCE LAST REPORT, $236.00.

NAMES OF OWNERS.	No.	AMT. PD.	NAMES OF OWNERS.	No.	AMT. PD.
Dana F. Hayward,	1	$2	Joseph R. Bassett,	1	2
Augustus Fletcher,	1	2	William Barnes,	1	2
Antoine Bulette,	1	2	M. E. Taylor,	1	2
Ai Robbins,	1	2	George C. Wright,	1	2
Wm. D. Tuttle.	1	2	Otis H. Forbush,	1	2
Luther Conant,	1	2	Reuben L. Reed,	1	2
John Fletcher,	1	2	George Gardner,	1	2
Lester N. Fletcher,	1	2	William H. Teele,	1	2
James Tobin,	1	2	Frank R. Knowlton,	1	2
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee,	4	8	Frank E. Harris,	1	2
Elnathan Jones,	3	6	John C. Gates,	1	2
James Tuttle,	1	2	Herman Chaplin,	1	2
J. K. W. Wetherbee,	1	2	George Conant,	1	2
Charles Varney,	1	2	Moses A. Reed,	1	2
Moses A. Reed,	1	2	John Kelley,	1	2
Gustavus H. Waugh,	1	2	Edwin W. Taylor,	1	2
George W. Livermore,	1	2	A. H. Gilmore,	1	2
Isaiah S. Leach,	1	2	Moses Taylor,	1	2
Fred S. Whitcomb,	1	2	Chauncey B. Robbins,	1	2
Daniel McCarthy, 2d.,	1	2	Webster C. Robbins,	1	2
A. Lucien Noyes,	1	2	Chas. W. Grant,	1	2
James D. Coburn,	1	2	Frank W. Houghton,	1	2
John Temple,	1	2	John W. Aldrich,	1	2
E. F. Fuller,	1	2	Patrick Kearney,	1	2
George C. Conant,	1	2	Joseph F. Cole,	1	2
Isaac Barker,	1	2	Dr. Chas. B. Sanders,	2	4
Charles A. Taylor,	1	2	Nelson J. Cole,	1	2
Charles A. Harrington,	1	2	Everett Wayne,	1	2
Mrs. George F. Flagg,	1	2	Chas. D. Griggs,	1	2
John H. Hannaford,	1	2	Michael Hannon,	1	2
Job. W. Dupee,	1	2	Andrew J. Willis,	1	2
Mead & Stone,	1	2	Edward O'Neil,	1	2
Luke Tuttle,	1	2	B. C. Nickerson,	1	2
Wm. B. Davis,	1	2	Daniel Tuttle,	1	2
J. E. Harris,	1	2	Alonzo L. Tuttle,	1	2
George R. Keyes,	1	2	A. F. Blanchard,	1	2
William Barnes,	1	2	John Grimes,	1	2
Henry M. Smith,	1	2	Nathan R. Palmer,	1	2
John W. Randall,	1	2	J. E. Scofield,	1	2
Sylvester Haynes,	1	2	Geo. E. Whittier,	1	2
Willis S. Mead,	1	2	Geo. W. Worester,	1	2
Elbridge J. Robbins,	1	2	Henry Brooks,	1	2
Frederick Rouillard,	1	2	Charles L. Beck,	1	2
John Welch,	1	2	L. E. Reed,	1	2
Isaac W. Flagg,	1	2	Francis Pratt,	1	2
Charles J. Williams,	1	2	Chas. H. Handley,	1	2
Daniel J. Wetherbee,	1	2	Henry Haynes,	1	2
Mrs. Daniel Wetherbee,	1	2	Chas. H. Wheeler,	1	2
Cyrus Hayward,	1	2	Forbush & Hartwell,	1	2
G. H. S. Houghton,	1	2	George Pratt,	1	2
Chas. J. Holton,	1	2	Jairus C. Wheeler,	1	2
Henry Hanson,	1	2			

Males, 103; Females, 6. Total, 109.

Report of Receipts and Expenditures at the Almshouse in Acton,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28th, 1886.

Articles on Hand, February 28th, 1886.

7 Cows,	$350 00	100 lbs. ham,	12 00
1 horse,	200 00	Lard,	7 20
15 tons hay,	3 00	30 bushels potatoes,	22 50
Meal and shorts,	12 15	Bushels small potatoes,	3 50
900 C. S. meal,	11 25	Eggs,	1 60
Corn,	2 00	3 bbls. apples,	3 00
500 straw,	2 50	Butter,	1 80
Lot of bags,	5 00	Oil,	60
17 cords wood cut for stove,	80 00	Flour,	5 00
31 hens,	15 50	Soap,	5 30
1 wagon,	90 00	1 cider barrel,	1 00
1 buggy,	25 00	50 lbs. corn beef,	3 00
57 barrels,	5 70	Beans,	1 00
2 tons coal,	12 00	2 lbs. tea,	1 00
4 market boxes,	40	Spices,	50
350 lbs. salt pork,	35 00		
			$1,215 50

Receipts from Town Farm,

From March 1, 1885 to February 28, 1886.

Rec'd for		Rec'd for	
Apples,	215 48	Labor,	$1 25
Milk,	575 50	Meat,	2 92
Potatoes,	89 65	Calves,	9 25
Eggs,	15 39	Beef cow,	40 00
			$949 44

Expenses.

Paid for		Paid for	
Coffee,	10 17	Hoes,	2 25
Yeast,	71	Dried apples,	98
Fish,	10 92	Castings,	1 85
Flour,	45 24	Meat,	123 53
Tea,	23 10	Soap,	15 10
Sugar,	16 94	Ginger,	25
Beans,	4 25	Oatmeal,	1 40
Shoes,	8 52	Medicine,	2 45
Butter,	51 98	Jug,	75
Cheese,	6 03	Molasses,	9 25
Vinegar,	70	Rice,	1 08
Cloth and clothing,	54 64	Pepper,	47
Nails,	97	Potatoes,	5 00
Tubs,	88	Raisins,	2 02
Phosphate,	19 95	Curtains,	43
Wash-board,	30	Barrels,	13 91
Seeds,	1 10	Brooms,	1 30
Stove polish,	29	Lard,	6 00
Starch,	16	Paris green,	25
Saleratus,	36	Plaster,	30
Spices,	1 30	Use of oxen,	8 00
Rope,	05	Onions,	1 00
Matches,	45	Pigs,	8 00
Crockery,	1 68	Gargetine,	87
Salt,	1 46	Shovel,	38
Cream tartar,	97	Carpeting,	2 00
Tobacco,	1 35	Chairs,	3 25
Oil,	3 09	Ammonia,	18
Snuff,	18	Axe,	83
Lemons,	66	Clothes line,	35
Alum,	02	Candles,	15
Crackers,	23 42	Repairing harnesses,	1 63
Tinware,	3 29	Use of bull,	4 50
Twine,	05	Butchering,	2 50
Mustard,	66	Blacksmith bill,	11 38
Currants,	63	Smoking Ham,	60
Oyster shells,	18	Filing saws,	80
R. tacks,	61	Harness,	6 00
Blueing,	24	Buggy,	25 00
B. bricks,	08	Labor,	182 28
Glass,	31	Grain,	321 71
Handles,	76	Stoves and furniture,	62 65
Pails,	50	Coal,	17 64
Lime,	38	Burial of H. Law and Mrs. E. Southard,	32 00
Cattle cards,	32	Dr. Sanders' bill,	21 25
Turpentine,	30	Repairs on house,	14 00
Brushes,	63	Services of Warren Bemis and wife,	250 00
Paint,	1 70	Services of E. H. Cutler,	50 00
Basket,	45	Services of Luke Blanchard,	25 00
Paper,	31	Services of Reuben L. Reed,	10 00
Plow,	6 25		
Lampblack,	07		
Lock,	52		
Scythes,	2 64		
Rake,	25		
Whetstone,	25		
			$1565 74

Expenditures,		$1565 74
Receipts,		949 44
Income less than expenses,		$616 30
Due from Treasury to balance account,	$616 30	
Interest on farm,	240 00	
	$856 30	
Victualing and lodging 128 tramps at 40 cents each,	51 20	
Cost of supporting poor on farm,	$805 10	

Whole number of persons exclusive of tramps supported in almshouse 7; average number 5½; present number 4.

E. H. CUTLER,
LUKE BLANCHARD,
REUBEN REED,
Overseers of Poor.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. MIDDLESEX, ss.

To John E. Cutter, Constable of the Town of Acton in said County,

GREETING:

You are hereby requested in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton, to meet at the Town Hall, on MONDAY, the fifth day of April next, at twelve o'clock M. By posting copies of this Warrant by you attested, at the Post Office in the centre of the town, also at the stores of Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, Mead & Stone and Isaac W. Flagg in said town, seven days before the time appointed for said meeting, then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To fill all existing vacancies in the list of Town Officers.

ART. 3. To see what amount of money the Town will raise to defray Town charges the present year.

ART. 4. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of schools the present year, and how it shall be expended.

ART. 5. To see what amount of money the Town will raise to repair the roads the present year and how it shall be expended.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will choose a Superintendent of Burials.

ART. 8. To consider and act upon the acceptance of the Jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, School Committee and other Town Officers.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes of the current year.

ART. 11. To vote by ballot, Yes or No, in answer to the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town the present year?

ART. 12. To see if the Town will widen and straighten the road leading from the house of Orlando Leland through the village of West Acton, to the house of Geo. A. Stevens.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for Memorial Day.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will build a sluice near the house of Reuben L. Reed.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will paint the School House in the centre district.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will furnish Intermediate Schools in the South and West districts.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will furnish an assistant teacher for the High School.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will furnish transportation for scholars attending the High School.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant to us, with your doings thereon, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of March in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six.

J. K. W. WETHERBEE, } *Selectmen*
J. W. DUPEE, } *of*
T. F. NOYES, } *Acton.*

Town Officers for 1886.

Town Clerk,

WM. D. TUTTLE.

Selectmen,

JONA K. W. WETHERBEE, JOB W. DUPEE, THOS. F. NOYES.

Assessors.

WM. D. TUTTLE, PHINEAS WETHERBEE, HIRAM J. HAPGOOD.

Overseers of the Poor.

LUKE BLANCHARD, JOHN E. CUTTER, JONA W. LOKER

Constables.

LEWIS V. CLOUGH, at South Acton.
[Three to be chosen.]

School Committee.

CHARLES H. MEAD, for 3 years, THERON F. NEWTON, for 2 years,
WILLIAM S. JONES, for 3 years, JOHN E. CUTTER, for 2 years,
CHARLES I. MILLER, for 1 year, LUKE J. ROBBINS, for 1 year.

Highway Surveyors.

CHARLES WHEELER, ISAAC REED, ABEL COLE,
FRANCIS PRATT, ELBRIDGE J. ROBBINS, JOB. W. DUPEE.

Surveyors of Wood.

WM. B. DAVIS, J. W. LOKER, GEO. H. HARRIS,
I. W. FLAGG, S. L. DUTTON, CHAS. H. TAYLOR,
E. F. FULLER, JOHN F. DAVIS, HERBERT T. CLARK,
HENRY D. PARLIN, CHAS. H. MEAD.

Surveyors of Lumber.

WW. B. DAVIS, E. F. RICHARDSON, LEVI W. STEVENS,
GEO. H. HARRIS, E. J. ROBBINS, HERBERT T. CLARK,
CHAS. A. BROOKS.

Fence Viewers.

NAHUM C. REED, O. W. MEAD, FRANCIS HOSMER.

Cemetery Committee.

JOHN FLETCHER, M. W. DAVIS, LEVI W. STEVENS.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON,

For the School Year 1885-6.

To the Town of Acton:

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

BY ITS SUPERINTENDFNT.

The School Committee, having been allowed by you to act in the schools during the year past through a Superintendent, now makes its report to you through the same officer.

REPORT.

Perfect unanimity has existed between members of the Committee, and between the Committee and its Superintendent, during the year.

No step of importance, in the way of discipline, introduction of books, or further progress in establishing courses of study and grades in the schools has been taken without the action of the whole Committee.

The first matter of special importance that required attention, was the course of study in the High School. Recommendations had been made, but no regular course adopted. It was not possible, therefore, for the teacher to the hold the scholars to any system of study, or keep the school in proper grade.

After painstaking correspondence with, and examination of courses of study in other schools, a course of study was recommended, and after full discussion, adopted. The following is a copy of the same:

ACTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Course of Study.

First Year.	1st Term:	Arithmetic.	English Grammar and Composition.	General History.
	2d Term:	Bookeeping.	English Grammar and Composition.	General History.
	3d Term:	Arithmetic.	Rhetoric.	General History.
Second Year.	1st Term:	Algebra.	Rhetoric.	Physiology.
	2d Term:	Algebra.	English Literature.	Physiology.
	3d Term:	Algebra.	English Literature.	Physics.
Third Year.	1st Term:	Geometry.	Latin or French.	Physics.
	2d Term:	Geometry.	Latin or French.	Chemistry.
	3d Term:	Botany.	Latin or French.	Chemistry.
Fourth Year	1st Term:	Astronomy.	Latin or French.	Geology.
	2d Term:	Astronomy.	Latin or French.	Geology.
	3d Term:	Politics.	Latin or French.	General Review.

Those taking only a three years' or English course will substitute for Latin or French the following studies for the third year:

1st Term:	Astronomy.
2d Term:	Geology.
3d Term:	Politics.

Note.—Exercises in Reading and Spelling will be had during the entire course. Exercises in Declamation or Composition will be required weekly throughout the course.

Immediate steps were taken to classify the school as closely as possibly under the circumstances, and teacher and scholars have become settled into systematic work. The good effects have been apparent in many ways. Each scholar knows beforehand his place in the term and terms to come. Each study prepares the way for the one following, and steady and satisfactory progress is thus assured.

This step also led to other important results. It made it simple and easy to fix the grade of scholarship for entering the High School, and consequently prepares the way for classifying, or grading more perfectly the lower schools and classes.

Another step of importance has been the changing the school year. Heretofore the school year has been from the beginning of the spring term to the close of the winter term. This gives but the short vacation between the winter and spring terms to make any changes that may be thought wise. It places teachers and committee in straightened relations with each other. This custom has also made our schools to be out of the uniform plan of the schools around us.

The school year now begins with the fall term, and ends with the spring term, making our school year uniform with those of the commonwealth, and giving the committee and teachers abundant time to consider the advisability of another year's engagement.

BOOKS.

With one exception there has been no change in text books, and that has been of minor importance, so far as expense is concerned.

We must either have purchased a new supply of Higginson's United States Histories, or make a change.

Taking advantage of this need, Scudder's United States History was purchased to replace the other. This change has been proven to be a wise one.

Higginson's History was not planned for a text book in schools, and lacked many essential elements for that purpose. The new one by Scudder is specially adapted for a text book, and the study of it has aroused new interest among the scholars.

The new Temperance Education Law made the teaching of

Hygiene and the evils of narcotics, (alchohol, tobacco and opium) compulsory in the common schools.

After close examination and comparison of different text books issued by various publishers, one was selected, recommended and adopted.

The supplying of all the schools with this text book was quite a large expense, but your committee had no choice in the matter, except in the selection of a book; and though a committee would hesitate to take this responsibility without the law, the benefits resulting from compliance with this law can hardly be estimated.

We have had reason to congratulate the committee on the choice of books made. The interest of teachers and scholars has not flagged, but at times has had to be restrained, so desirous were they to follow up this study so pleasantly placed before them.

The advancement of the High School into higher studies made the purchase of text books necessary, and much care has been taken in the selection of them, to secure those that embraced the most advanced scholarship, expressed in such manner as to meet the wants of our scholars.

These text books, though more expensive than those of the lower grades, are not subject to as frequent change or renewal. The line of text books for the full course is now nearly complete.

One other step of great importance has been taken. And we may say that no other received more careful consideration. This was the selection and purchase of suitable reference books for the schools.

The use of *only* text books finally becomes a slavish following of them, and results in a narrow and unsatisfactory progress. Geographical, historical and biographical notices in common school text books are necessarily short, while many important and interesting truths in geographical discovery and progress, in historical epochs, and the lives and thoughts of great men are not mentioned at all. A gradually increasing library of well selected reference books in our Grammar and High Schools, will furnish an element of power that cannot be overestimated. Your committee, after mature deliberation, authorized the purchase of a copy of each of Lippincott's "Biographical Dictionary," and Lippincott's "Gazetteer of the World," for each school district and the High School. In addition to these they authorized the purchase of

Lippincott's edition of "Chambers' Encyclopedia," for each one of the village districts and the High School, the same to be used by all the scholars and teachers in the town.

The gratitude of the teachers was almost unbounded. At first the scholars hardly knew the use of these new tools of education; but as, under the lead of their teachers, they gradually became acquainted with the treasuries within their grasp, their enthusiasm was as great as that of the teachers.

Now almost any hour of school, in some schools, from one to three or more of the scholars may be found digging into these new mines of mental wealth, searching these volumes in connection with places, persons and thoughts suggested in their lessons. These reference books have thus become *permanent* teachers in our schools without salary or further expense, and for years their steady influence will he felt.

SCHOOLS.

The only schools in which changes of teachers have been made have been, the Centre Grammar and Primary, and the South East Schools. Miss C. L. Haynes, of the Centre Grammar, resigned at the close of the fall term, and Miss Davis was employed to take her place. Miss Davis' health failed, so that she was compelled at the holidays to resign, and Mr. O. W. Dutton was secured. Notwithstanding these changes, the school has kept steadily on with its work. Miss B. Ball of the Centre Primary, on account of ill health, gave place to Miss Edith Garfield for the fall term, and in the winter term resumed her place again. Miss Bertha Manley, of the South East District, resigned at the close of spring term, and Miss C. A. Granger was employed in her place, and has kept the school since. The other schools have kept the same teachers, and all have worked hard. Uniformity of teaching cannot be attained, even if it were desirable, but general uniformity of advancement has been attained throughout the town. We do not consider it necessary to particularize in regard to each school. Similar methods as to discipline, teaching and examinations have prevailed throughout the town. Each district has had thirty-six weeks of schooling. The pleasantest relations have existed between the teachers and the Committee and Superintendent. In discipline, punishment has

been discouraged, and scholars made to feel that the schools were for their benefit, and they were welcome to get all the good possible from them; but, if ignoring this, they persisted in disturbing the work of the school, and maintained a spirit of insubordination, they would be expelled. These methods have proven effectual.

The general system of monthly reviews and examinations has been maintained. In methods of teaching, the old and safe method of memorizing important facts and rules has been supplemented by conversational exercises, so that the student might not only know, but know how to use his knowledge. To this same end, the highest classes in the Grammar schools, and all the scholars in the High school, have been required to prepare and read an essay, a selection for public reading, and a declamation once in three weeks, thus giving each of them one of these important exercises each week. There have been no examinations during the year for the purpose of passing from class to class or school to school.

In accordance with the vote of the Committee, the school year will begin in the fall, though the examination for advancement will be at the close of the spring term. These examinations will be mostly in writing, and so framed as to, so far as possible, be a test of scholarship, a certain percentage of accuracy being required before a scholar can pass into a higher class or school.

SUGGESTIONS WITH REASONS.

The increase of scholars in the West and South districts requires consideration. The average attendance of the Centre Grammar school this last year has been twenty; this is the largest school outside of the two above. In the schools at the West the average attendance has been 66, while those at the South has been 62, making an average three times as large as that of the Centre Grammar. Three school rooms are crowded; more room is needed; the classes are too large and difficult to teach, the few minutes the teacher has for each, when all the classes must be heard. An intermediate school is recommended for each of these districts, and in the opinion of committee and superintendent, needed for the best interests of these schools. More scholars will come into these schools this spring and fall than will go out by examinations—and thus increase the present need.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This year for the first time the High school is working its three years' course—those who come in the first year, and have continued, have been followed by two other classes and now three regularly formed classes are doing steady work. This has of course necessitated the steady introduction of new text books, as the first class advanced from first to second, and then into the third years' work, and their places were steadily filled by those coming after; thus eighteen different text books come into use, besides reading, spelling and writing, with declamations and essays required by the course.

The average membership for the year has been thirty-four, and the average attendance thirty-one. Then each succeeding class is larger than its predecessor, so that while at the close of the spring term, only eight or ten will pass out of the school, at the beginning of the fall term nearly or quite twenty will step in as the new class. A few moments consideration will convince any candid mind that one teacher cannot with justice to himself or the scholars, carry such a number through such a course of study. The school is proving its worth more and more all the time. Its growth is far beyond the expectation of its most sanguine friends, and shows the value placed by both parents and children on such educational advantages. The town owes it to itself and these scholars, to make this school all it should be, and to that end it should furnish an assistant teacher. This, in the opinion of your committee and superintendent, is needed, and therefore recommended.

Again, our town is so situated that it has been found best to have the High school hold its sessions one term in each central district of the town, viz: the Centre, the South and the West. Undoubtedly this is more convenient when all things are considered. This has placed quite a burden on many of the scholars, and it is remarkable how faithful they have been in their attendance through wind and storm. It is believed by your committee and superintendent to be wise and just that the town provide transportation from these centres to the sessions of the High school. This will equalize the advantages of the High school to all. At the present quite a number who are unable to bear the expense of

transportation are cut off from the education offered in the High school. This ought not to be. The town should authorize the committee to provide transportation for the scholars upon the wisest and best terms possible. This is the opinion of your committee, and it is therefore recommended.

The usual financial and attendance tables are appended. This report with its statements of the condition of the schools the last year, and the important action taken by superintendent and committee, also its statements of present needs and suggestions having been read to, and discussed by the committee, was unanimously adopted as their report of work done, and recommendations for the schools.

C. L. RHOADES, *Superintendent of Schools*,
For the School Committee of the Town of Acton.

Financial Report.

To the Town of Acton:

Your School Committee hereby submit their report of the expenses of the schools of the town by districts; said expenses covering salaries of teachers, the cost of fuel and care of school buildings.

JOHN E. CUTTER, *Chairman.*
THERON F. NEWTON, *Clerk.*

ACTON, March 22d, 1886.

ACTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Salary of teacher	$700 00	
Fuel	35 05	
Care of room	50 00	
		$785 05

ACTON CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Salary of teachers	$684 00	
Fuel	73 00	
Care of rooms	47 25	
		$804 25

SOUTH ACTON SCHOOLS.

Salary of teachers	$720 00	
Fuel	39 20	
Care of house	100 22	
		$859 42

WEST ACTON SCHOOLS.

Salary of teachers	$663 00	
Fuel	38 37	
Care of rooms	25 00	
		$726 37

East Acton School.

Salary of teachers	$324 00	
Fuel	40 14	
Care of room	24 50	
		$388 64

North Acton School.

Salary of teachers	$324 00	
Fuel	34 88	
Care of room	25 00	
		$383 88

South East Acton School.

Salary of teacher	$324 00	
Fuel	15 00	
Care of room	15 00	
		$354 00
Total		$4,301 61

TABULAR STATEMENT.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Length of school in months.	Whole No. scholars.	Av'age membership.	Av'age attendance.	No. under 5 years.	No. over 15 years.	No. between 8 and 14.
Centre, Grammar,	Miss C. L. Haynes, " Evilina Davis,	3	28	25	22	0	4	16
Centre, Primary,	Mr. O. W. Dutton, Miss Bessie Ball, " Edith Garfield,	3	31	25	22	1	0	9
South, Grammar,	" S. B. Holmes,	3	33	29	28	0	1	32
South, Primary,	" Viola S. Tuttle,	3	52	38	34	0	0	28
West, Grammar,	" S. J. Wyman,	3	37	34	33	0	2	31
West, Primary,	" C. L. Newton,	3	40	35	33	0	0	14
East,	" S. A. Wetherbee,	3	28	23	20	0	2	15
North,	" Miss Ella D. Daniels,	3	26	19	18	0	4	14
South East,	Miss Bertha Manley, " C. A. Granger,	3	21	16	12	0	1	12
Acton High,	H. H. Williams,	3	47	34	31	0	37	4
Totals.			343	278	253	1	51	175

Number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years, as reported by the Assessors, May 1st, 1885, 264.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND OTHER OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON

From Feb. 26, 1886, to Feb. 26, 1887,

INCLUDING THE

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN 1886.

ALSO, THE

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.



ACTON:
THE ENTERPRISE STEAM JOB PRINT.
1887.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Actor in Account with J. K. W. Wetherbee, Treasurer.

1887.		*Dr.*		
Feb. 26.	To cash paid for State tax,	$1,110 00		
	" " County tax,	667 35		
	" " on Selectmen's orders,	14,353 97		
	" Outstanding orders,	967 33		
	" Balance due the town,	897 36		
				$17,996 01

Cr.

By balance in the treasury, Feb. 26th, 1886,	$375 55	
Cash received of Dennis Shehan, for old lumber,	9 00	
Received of John Fletcher, for lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery,	12 00	
County Treasurer, for dog fund for 1885,	207 77	
T. F. Newton, on account of High School,	21 25	
L. W. Stevens, for lots sold in Mount Hope cemetery,	30 00	
Town of Billerica, support of Thomas Russell,	39 76	
Town of Harvard, aid furnished Arthur Whitney,	11 67	
Chapel Society, rent of school room to April 1, 1886,	33 00	
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	845 29	
State Treasurer, National bank tax,	715 40	
State Treasurer, State aid, chap. 252, acts of 1879,	200 50	
State Treasurer, State aid, chap. 301, acts of 1879,	108 00	

Received of State Treasurer, support of State paupers,	135 72	
State Treasurer, income of school fund,	167 73	
Charles H. Wheeler, borrowed money,	400 00	
George Chandler, borrowed money,	200 00	
Varnum Tuttle, borrowed money,	1,300 00	
Charles H. Wheeler, borrowed money,	150 00	
Varnum Tuttle, borrowed money,	615 66	
County Treasurer, dog fund for 1886,	195 48	
John Fletcher, lots sold in Woodlawn Cemetry,	13 00	
L. W. Stevens, lots sold in Mount Hope Cemetery,	58 00	
T. F. Newton, school books sold,	16 46	
Reuben L. Reed, rent of town hall,	17 00	
John E. Cutter, collector of taxes, for taxes of 1885,	1,799 80	
John E. Cutter, 1886,	10,204 63	
Interest on money in bank,	37 84	
A. L. Noyes, rent of town hall in 1885,	18 00	
Julian Tuttle, rent of town hall and cellar,	57 50	
		$17,996 01

J. K. W. WETHERBEE, *Treasurer of Acton.*

ACTON, Feb. 26th, 1887.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Centre District.

Paid John E. Cutter,	$797 95	
		$797 95

West District.

Paid F. W. Green, for care of school house,	$28 00	
L. U. Holt, for 4 brooms for "	1 20	
C. H. Mead,	770 72	
C. H. Mead, for coal,	59 85	
C. H. Mead, care of school house,	33 00	
		$892 77

South District.

Paid T. F. Newton,	$733 50	
" " for coal,	44 09	
" " for wood,	5 12	
" " care of house,	61 00	
W. Law, for sawing wood.	1 50	
		$845 21

North District.

Paid Ella F. Daniels, services as teacher,	$36 00	
C. I. Miller,	291 08	
" " coal,	27 93	
" " wood,	5 00	
" " cutting wood,	1 75	
" " care of house,	12 00	
		$373 76

East District.

Paid Luke J. Robbins,	377 50	
" " for care of house,	6 00	
		$383 50

South-East District.

Paid W. S. Jones,	$369 61	
		$369 61

High School.

Paid H. H. Williams, services as teacher,	$240 00	
A. W. Armstrong, " "	400 00	
C. H. Mead, for rent of organ,	15 00	
C. H. Mead, for rent of piano for graduating exercises,	7 00	
C. H. Mead, for care of room.	12 00	
C. H. Mead, for fuel,	6 00	
J. E. Cutter, care of room,	8 00	
J. E. Cutter, for fuel,	7 00	
T. F. Newton, care of room,	15 00	
" " for fuel,	10 00	
" " teacher,	80 00	
		$800 00

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid T. F. Newton,	$565 46	
Rev. C. L. Rhoades,	5 50	
John E. Cutter,	7 10	
		$578 06

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Rev. C. L. Rhoades, Supt. of schools,	$124 98	
Rev. C. L. Rhoades, expense of procuring teachers for High School,	15 00	
L. U. Holt, sealer of weights and measures,	10 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, services as Assessor,	32 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, making duplicate tax book,	10 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, services as Town Clerk,	25 00	
W. D. Tuttle, services as Registrar of voters to May 1st, 1886,	15 00	
Phineas Wetherbee, services as Assessor,	25 00	
H. J. Hapgood, services as Assessor,	22 00	
J. E. Cutter, collecting taxes in 1885,	90 00	
A. L. Noyes, services as Registrar of voters to Feb. 12th, 1887,	24 00	
J. W. Dupee, services as Selectman,	45 00	
T. F. Noyes, " "	45 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, " "	85 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, services as Treas.,	40 00	
		$607 98

PRINTING.

Paid John F. Wood, 500 sheet reports.	$10 00	
" " 600 book reports,	58 50	
" " printing town warrants,	7 00	
Pratt Brothers, printing notices,	1 25	
		$76 75

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid Nathan Johnson, labor in Woodlawn Cemetery,	$52 03	
Nathan Johnson, labor in North Acton Cemetery,	13 53	
L. W. Stevens, lumber for fence in Mt. Hope Cemetery,	17 75	
L. W. Stevens, labor in Mount Hope Cemetery, 1885,	11 37	
L. W. Stevens, labor in Mount Hope Cemetery, 1886,	73 50	
John Fletcher, labor on well in Woodlawn Cemetery,	4 75	
		$172 93

STATE AID.

Paid John Carroll,	$144 00	
Benjamin Skinner,	96 00	
Ola Nelson,	48 00	
Allen G. Smith,	60 00	
Richard G. Dane,	60 00	
Rebecca C. Wright,	48 00	
Susan F. Dearborn,	6 00	
		$462 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid E. H. Cutler, deficiency on Town Farm,	$616 30	
Luke Blanchard, for support of Clara Wheeler,	195 66	
Luke Blanchard, support of Elizabeth Burgendohl,	82 09	
Luke Blanchard, support of Emily F. Town,	162 28	
Luke Blanchard, aid furnished Edward O'Neil,	6 78	

Paid Luke Blanchard, for Edward O'Neil at Massachusetts General Hospital,	92 00	
Luke Blanchard, aid furnished Thomas Russell,	5 13	
Luke Blanchard, aid furnished Arthur Whitney,	11 67	
Luke Blanchard, aid furnished Thomas Russell,	54 00	
Luke Blanchard, aid furnished Ruth Pike,	57 00	
Luke Blanchard, aid furnished Gilman Newton,	40 00	
Luke Blanchard, aid furnished James E. Harris,	104 77	
Luke Blanchard, aid furnished Hannah Trainor,	24 25	
Luke Blanchard, aid furnished Hannah Stanton,	47 79	
Luke Blanchard, aid furnished Mrs. John Quinland,	104 02	
Luke Blanchard, expenses to Worcester and return,	9 10	
Luke Blanchard, journey to Fitchburg,	3 00	
J. W. Loker, aid furnished Redding family,	58 57	
Luke Blanchard, aid furnished Walter H. Whitney,	15 00	
Dr. W. N. Sharp, attending family of Amos Hayward,	16 25	
Dr. C. B. Sanders, medical attendance at the Almshouse,	13 25	
Dr. C. B. Sanders, attending Thomas Russell,	12 75	
Dr. C. B. Sanders, attending Henry Farwell,	7 00	
J. E. Cutter, aid furnished Thomas Russell,	40 73	
J. E. Cutter, journey to Worcester,	9 70	
J. E. Cutter, aid furnished Thomas Lowden,	5 38	
		$1,794 47

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Chas. Wheeler, regular highway work,	$600 00	
Abel Cole, " "	600 00	
Isaac Reed, " "	604 09	

Paid A. H. Jones, labor on highway in Jan. and Feb., per order of selectmen,	80	16	
Abel Cole, repairing culvert on Maple street, South Acton.	8	00	
E. F. Conant, gravel.	2	50	
Charles Wheeler, repairs on road near house of Geo. Brooks.	59	33	
Charles Wheeler, labor on Hall road,	21	62	
American Powder Co., lumber for bridge	6	40	
" " guarding bridge,	2	80	
Charles Wheeler, labor on highways in Jan., Feb. and March,	8	55	
Charles Wheeler, labor on Lowell road,	17	92	
" " " in centre of town	11	40	
			$2,022 77

REPAIRS ON TOWN BUILDINGS.

Paid T. F. Newton, repairs on school-house in South district,	40	29	
C. H. Mead, repairing blackboards in West district,	23	10	
C. H. Mead, repairs on school-house in West district.	3	01	
L. J. Robbins, repairs on school-house in East district,	6	32	
L. U. Holt, repairing stove in East school-house,	4	50	
L. U. Holt, repairing furnace in town hall,	11	85	
Reuben L. Reed, painting hearse-house,	13	95	
C. L. Davis, painting school-house in Centre district,	111	81	
J. E. Cutter, material for painting school-house in Centre district,	74	79	
J. E. Cutter, repairs on school-house in Centre district,	54	21	
L. U. Holt, repairing stove and funnel, West school-house,	3	50	
Robert Wayne, repairs on town hall,	4	24	
			$351 57

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid G. W. Livermore, wood for town hall,	$ 2	50	
" carrying in wood,		50	
" teaming stone posts,	1	50	

Paid J. Kinsley, use of road for Hurley,	8	00
Dr. I. Hutchins, vaccinating 38 school children,	15	20
Dr. I. Hutchins, reporting 14 births,	3	50
A. H. Kimball, plate for road scraper,	8	00
R. M. Yale, repairing flag,	2	55
Dr. I. Hutchins, for Memorial day,	100	00
Rev. I. C. Knowlton, land taken to widen street,	50	00
Reuben L. Reed, taking care of town hall and clock,	16	95
John E. Cutter, abatement of taxes for 1883, 1884 and 1885,	119	81
E. A. Phalen, repairing town pump,	1	10
Nathan Johnson, rope for flag staff,	1	50
" " labor on "	1	00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, pitcher and goblets for town hall,		57
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, town order book,	1	62
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, town record book,	2	25
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, coal hod, dust-pan and feather duster for town hall,		85
C. I. Miller, lumber and repairs on fence in North school district,	6	84
T. F. Newton, clock for East school district,	5	00
E. A. Phalen, door for Davis monument,	5	75
Abel Cole, repairs on plow and scraper,	2	50
James P. Brown, blacksmith bill,	3	30
L. W. Stevens, repairing door where fire ladders are kept,		40
C. B. Stone, making deeds of lots sold in Mount Hope Cemetery,	4	00
L. U. Holt, repairing town pump,	1	00
Isaac Reed, breaking roads,	9	50
Abel Cole, "	17	14
Charles Wheeler, blacksmith bill,	8	25
E. Jones & Co., coal for town hall,	8	16
Wm. D. Tuttle, postage and stationery,	1	40
" express on public documents,	2	58
Wm. D. Tuttle, printing registration blanks,	2	40

Paid Wm. D. Tuttle, meeting tax commissioners,	1 50	
Wm. D. Tuttle, laying out road near Baptist church in West Acton,	2 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, duplicate key to town hall,	35	
Wm. D. Tuttle, collecting and recording 34 births,	17 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, recording 31 deaths,	5 10	
" " 20 marriages,	3 00	
L. E. Reed, attending 31 burials,	93 00	
" returning 29 deaths,	7 25	
G. W. Livermore, teaming coal for town hall,	1 70	
J. E. Cutter, discount on taxes 1886,	599 10	
Fish Committee, cash paid C. H. Walcott for services in case of prosecution	10 00	
Fish Committee, 3 fares to Lowell and return,	1 68	
J. E. Cutter, notifying 16 persons to take oath of office,	2 00	
H. J. Hapgood, assessors' and collector's books,	2 00	
M. E. Taylor, oil, wicks and supplies for town hall,	7 45	
Julian Tuttle, care town hall and clock	46 00	
Charles Wheeler, breaking roads,	27 65	
		$1,242 40

TEMPORARY LOANS PAID.

Paid Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, note and interest,	$1,598 34	
Varnum Tuttle, note and interest,	622 59	
George Chandler, interest on note,	25 00	
J.K.W.Wetherbee, note and interest,	1,281 00	
		$3,526 93

BOUNTY TAX.

Bounty tax refunded,	$22 64	
		$22 64

RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance in the treasury Feb. 26, 1886,	$375	55
" due from collector of taxes Feb. 26, 1886,	1,799	80
Appropriation for Town charges,	4,000	00
Schools,	4,100	00
Roads,	1,800	00
Overlayings,	232	12
State tax,	1,110	00
County tax,	667	35
Rec'd of Dennis Shehan old lumber,	9	00
John Fletcher, lots sold in Woodlawn Cemetery,	12	00
County Treasurer, dog fund, 1885,	207	77
T. F. Newton, acct. of High school,	21	25
L. W. Stevens, lots sold in Mount Hope Cemetery,	30	00
Town of Billerica, support of Thos. Russell,	39	76
Town of Harvard, aid furnished Arthur Whitney,	11	67
Chapel Society, rent of school room to April 1, 1886,	33	00
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	845	29
" National bank tax,	715	40
" State aid chap. 252, acts of 1879,	200	50
State Treasurer, State aid chap. 301 acts of 1879,	108	00
State Treasurer, support of State paupers,	135	72
State Treasurer, school fund,	167	73
Chas. H. Wheeler, borrowed money	400	00
George Chandler, "	200	00
Varnum Tuttle, "	1,300	00
Charles H. Wheeler, "	150	00
Varnum Tuttle, "	615	66
County Treasurer, dog fund, 1886,	195	48
John Fletcher, lots sold in Woodlawn Cemetery,	13	00

Rec'd of L. W. Stevens, lots sold in Mount Hope Cemetery,	58 00	
T. F. Newton, school books sold,	16 46	
Reuben L. Reed, rent of town hall.	17 00	
Interest on money in bank,	37 84	
A. L. Noyes, rent of town hall in 1885,	18 00	
Julian Tuttle, rent of town hall and cellar,	57 50	
		$19,700 85

EXPENDITURES.

For support of Centre District school,	$797 95	
" West " "	892 77	
" South " "	845 21	
" North " "	373 76	
" East " "	383 50	
" So. East " "	369 61	
" High School.	800 00	
School supplies,	578 06	
Town officers,	607 98	
Cemetery expenses,	172 93	
Printing,	76 75	
State aid,	462 00	
Support of poor,	1,794 47	
Roads and bridges,	2,022 77	
Repairs on town buildings,	351 57	
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,242 40	
Temporary loan paid,	3,526 93	
State tax,	1,110 00	
County tax,	667 35	
Bounty tax refunded,	22 64	
		$17,098 65
Balance in collector's hands,	$1,704 84	
" treasurer's "	897 36	
		2,602 20
		$19,700 85

Balance in collector's and treasurer's hands,		$2,602 20

NOTES PAYABLE.

Charles H. Wheeler,	$400 00	
George Chandler,	500 00	
Varnum Tuttle,	1,300 00	
Charles H. Wheeler,	150 00	
George Chandler,	200 00	
		$2,550 00
Balance due the town,		$52 20

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
J. W. DUPEE,
T. F. NOYES,
Selectmen of Acton.

Acton, Feb. 26th, 1887.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. MIDDLESEX, ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Acton, in said County, Greeting:

You are hereby requested in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify the legal voters of said town of Acton to meet at the Town Hall on Monday, the fourth day of April next, at twelve o'clock M., by posting copies of this warrant, by you attested, at the Post Office in the centre of the town, also at the stores of Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, Mead & Stone and Isaac W. Flagg, in said town, seven days at least before the time appointed for said meeting, then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see what amount of money the town will raise to defray town charges the present year.

ART. 3. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year, and how it shall be expended.

ART. 4. To see what amount of money the town will raise to repair the roads the present year, and how it shall be expended.

ART. 5. To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 6. To see if the town will choose a Superintendent of Burials.

ART. 7. To consider and act upon the acceptance of the Jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and other town officers.

Art. 9. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town, if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.

Art. 10. To vote by ballot, Yes or No, in answer to the question: Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town the present year?

Art. 11. To see if town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for Memorial day.

Art. 12. To see if the town will build a highway from near the house of John Davis, to the Puffer place, so called, or pass any vote or votes thereon.

Art. 13. To see if the town will instruct the constable to post town warrants at North Acton.

Art. 14. To see if the town will build a receiving tomb in Mount Hope cemetery, or pass any vote thereon.

Art. 15. To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen to report at this meeting.

Art. 16. To see if the town will purchase a piece of land to enlarge Mount Hope cemetery or pass any vote or votes thereon.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant to us, with your doings thereon, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of March in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
J. W. DUPEE,
T. F. NOYES,
Selectmen of Acton.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT,

TO JANUARY 1, 1887.

BIRTHS IN 1886.

DATE.		NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1886.			
Jan.	25	James Arthur Wayne,	Robert and Elizabeth Wayne.
"	25	Herman T. Wheeler,	James B. and Mary A. Wheeler.
Feb.	4	Arthur Chandler Baldwin,	Loren C. and Rachel Baldwin.
"	6	Julia Katherine Richardson,	James E. and Sara R. Richardson.
"	11	Isabella Louisa Green,	Frederic W. and Catherine M. Green.
"	18	Benjamin Gilbert Reed,	Benjamin W. and Helen R. Reed.
"	23	Charles William Edwards,	Charles and Elizabeth Edwards.
Mar.	3	Margaret Dustan Quimby,	George L. and Emma L. Quimby.
"	22	Charles Edmund Davis,	Charles L. and Lucy C. Davis.
"	24	Gailon M. Spinney,	Isaac B. and Ellen Spinney.
April	3	Eva Marion Harris,	David C. and Jennie B. Harris.
"	22	Alva Stanley Hall,	Delette H. and Susie A. Hall.
May	20	Mary Eliza Kinsley,	James and Anna Kinsley.
June	24	Blanche Knowlton.	Amasa M. and Elizab'h F. Knowlton.
"	26	Richard Stearns Sanders,	Charles B. and Lizzie S. Sanders.
"	28	Florence Ena Hartwell,	William H. and Lora B. Hartwell.
"	29	Eva Mary Jane Hunt,	James W. and Mary E. Hunt.
July	5	Alice Tuttle Fairbanks,	Charles H. and Nellie L. Fairbanks.
"	5	Annie Moan,	Frank and Margaret E. Moan.
"	7	Hollis Freeman Williams,	Freeman and Etta C. Williams.
"	29	Harold Roscoe Littlefield,	Hanson and Florence M. Littlefield
Aug.	12	Marjorie Pitman,	Charles W. and Edith Pitman.
"	21	Thomas McCarte.	Thomas and Maria McCarte.
Sept.	9	Crosby Arthur Hoar,	John S. and Minnie R. Hoar.
"	29	Ida May Tribble,	—— —— Clara Tribble.
Oct.	5	Lillian Florence Hayward,	Amos H. and Etta C. Hayward.
"	11	Emily Augusta Mains,	John and Anna Maria Mains.
"	17	Milton Cleveland Bean,	Alcander P. and Mary M. Bean.
"	22	Charles Herbert Griggs,	Charles D. and Abbie E. Griggs.
"	25	Wilfred Emerson Sharp,	Walter N. and Nettie C. Sharp.
"	26	Helen Ardell Knowlton,	Frank R. and Emma S. Knowlton.
"	30	Margaret McDonald,	John and Mary Ann McDonald.
Nov.	13	Clara Frances Richardson,	Austin A. and Mary I. Richardson.
"	30	Orma Francis Davis,	Charles T. and Carrie E. Davis.

MARRIAGES IN 1886.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
1886.		
Jan. 13	George B. Gowen.	South Acton.
	Carrie B. Hayward.	South Acton.
April 2	Archibald W. Stronach.	Stow.
	Mary Isabella Hunter.	Stow.
April 7	Warren A. Stevens.	West Acton.
	Emily Augusta Ireland.	Littleton.
April 16	Charles H. Snow.	Acton.
	Mary E. Robinson.	Groton.
June 15	Nelson H. Tenney.	Acton.
	Eliza Jane Putnam.	Waltham.
June 16	George H. Parker.	Littleton.
	Emily Lackey.	Pepperell.
June 23	Israel M. Charlton.	Boxborough.
	Carrie A. Granger.	West Acton.
June 30	Fred W. Reed.	Acton.
	Lina Fales.	Acton.
July 3	Lawrence M. Pitcher.	Acton.
	Emma L. Munroe.	Somerville.
July 3	Joseph F. Griffin.	Acton.
	Blanche M. Pitcher	Charlestown.
July 4	Charles Forest.	South Acton.
	Fannie Delory.	South Acton.
July 28	Alphonso A. Wyman.	West Acton.
	Laura Aldrich.	West Acton.
Aug. 24	Patrick Carroll.	South Acton.
	Mary Murphy.	South Acton.
Sept. 23	Arthur Tuttle.	Chelsea.
	Florence C. Dupee.	North Acton.
Oct. 24	Daniel O'Leary.	Cambridge.
	Olive Landry.	South Acton.
Oct. 28	Edgar F. Clark.	Concord.
	Amy M. Godfrey.	Acton.
Nov. 19	Byron W. Austin.	Acton.
	Hattie Bella Penniman.	Acton.
Nov. 24	Fred G. Jones.	Acton.
	Mary A. Brindley.	Maynard.
Nov. 25	Olin L. Wright.	South Acton.
	Mary J. Ross.	Concord.
Nov. 25	Arthur E. Reed.	Chelmsford.
	Carrie E. White.	Acton.

DEATHS IN 1886.

DATE.		NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE. Yrs	Ms	Ds	PLACE OF DEATH.
1886.						
Jan.	6	Esther (Oliver) Souther,	74			Acton.
	7	Jane E. Jesson,	19	10	12	"
	11	Joseph Jones,	78	3	5	"
	17	Levi Houghton,	88	7	6	"
	27	James Tobin,	33			"
	27	Joseph F. Tuttle,	51	2	16	"
Feb.	11	Mrs. Delina Farrar,	44	5	5	"
	11	John Quinlan,	52			"
Mar.	17	Mrs. Abigail D. Cowdry,	79	5		"
	20	Franklin Wheeler,	84		16	"
April	9	John W. Crocker,	18	3	12	"
	13	Charles A. Hanscom,	62	4	25	"
	14	Annie O'Neil,		5	3	"
	16	Mrs. Ursula C. Leland,	74	5	18	"
	27	Edwin Stone,	51	4		"
	29	Mrs. Sarah F. Walcott,	57	10	25	"
May	12	Oliver C. Wyman,	65			"
July	13	William E. Stearns,	58	5	5	"
	17	Mrs. Harriet Harris,	76	6	3	"
Aug.	11	Mrs. Susan T. Chandler,	74	4	3	"
	19	Mrs. Maria Stockwell,	77	3		"
Sept.	10	Lena F. Sargent,	2	9	2	"
Oct.	11	Charles Tuttle,	91	6		"
	16	Mrs. Helen E. Little,	46			Woburn.
	30	Charles Herbert Griggs,			8	Acton.
Nov.	12	Blanche S. Piper,	1	7	29	"
	23	Mrs. Ella E. Kingsley,	28	8	25	"
Dec.	3	Mrs. Mahala Williams,	67			"
	21	Mrs. Clarissa Wetherbee,	69	1	25	"
	29	Isaiah McLaughlin,	26	7	9	"
1887.						
Feb.	10	Elmer Rouillard,	21		14	Maplewood.

AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM LICENSES OF DOGS, SINCE LAST REPORT, $246.00.

OWNER.	NO.	OWNER.	NO.
James D. Coburn,	1	Willis L. Mead,	1
Daniel Tuttle,	1	Daniel J. Wetherbee,	1
Charles W. Grant,	1	Isaac W. Flagg,	1
Dana F. Hayward,	1	Henry Hanson,	1
Antoine Bulette,	1	Andrew J. Willis,	1
Wm. D. Tuttle,	1	George Gardner,	1
Otis H. Forbush,	1	Chauncy B. Robbins,	1
Daniel Harris,	1	Henry Haynes,	1
M. A. Tobin,	1	Jos. R. Bassett,	1
M. H. Warden,	1	M. E. Taylor,	1
Anson C. Piper,	1	H. M. Smith,	1
Elbridge J. Robbins,	1	Moses Taylor,	1
Everett Wayne,	1	John Kelley,	1
Mrs. G. F. Flagg,	1	Webster C. Robbins,	2
A. L. Noyes,	1	Frank W. Houghton,	1
E. Eddie Fletcher,	1	Joseph F. Cole.	1
Lester N. Fletcher,	1	Herman Chaplin,	1
Charles Varney,	1	John C. Gates,	1
John Fletcher,	1	L. U. Holt,	1
Charles H. Hodges,	1	Nahum Littlefield,	1
Daniel McCarthy, 2nd,	1	Alonzo L. Tuttle,	1
Mrs. M. D. M. Ball,	1	Mrs. Eliza Haynes,	1
Amos P. Wood,	1	John Temple, transfered from	
William Barnes,	1	Marlboro,	1
Mead & Stone,	1	Edward Willis,	1
Augustus Fletcher,	1	A. W. Gardner,	1
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee,	3	A. H. Gilmore,	1
J. K. W. Wetherbee,	1	Isaac Barker,	1
Elnathan Jones,	3	John E. Hannon,	1
E. H. Jones,	1	L. E. Reed,	1
David Shapley,	1	Ralph Crooker,	1
E. F. Fuller,	1	John H. Hanaford,	1
Mrs. Daniel Wetherbee,	1	Mrs. Thomas Moore,	1
Charles J. Williams,	1	Charles D. Griggs,	1
Fred Penniman,	1	Delette H. Hall,	1
Sylvester Haynes,	1	John Grimes,	1
Reuben L. Reed,		Frank L. Crosby,	1
Wm. B. Davis,	1	Geo. E. Whittier,	1
Ai Robbins,	1	Isaiah S. Leach,	1
Luke Tuttle,	1	James B. Wheeler, fem.,	1
Aaron J. Fletcher,	1	Chas. B. Sanders,	2
Joel H. Conant,	1	Henry Brooks,	1
Moses A. Reed,	2	Thomas Calder,	1
Edwin W. Taylor,	1	George Pratt, fem.,	1

OWNER.	NO.	OWNER.	NO.
Ollie D. Wood,	1	J. E. Scofield.	1
George R. Keyes,	1	Thomas Owens.	1
Frank E. Harris,	1	Francis Pratt,	1
Frederick Rouillard,	1	Frank R. Knowlton,	1
Cyrus Hayward,	1	Mrs. H. M. Beck.	1
Francis Robbins,	1	Edward O'Neil,	1
J. W. Dupee,	1	Edward Wood,	1
Forbush & Hartwell, fem.,	1	Solon A. Robbins,	1
Charles H. Morris,	1	F. A. Houston,	1
Charles J. Holton,	1	Luther Conant,	1
Wm. H. Teele,	1	Warren Bemis.	1
Fred L. Whitcomb,	1	Charles H. Wheeler, fem.,	1

Whole number licensed, 117. Number transferred, 1.

113 males at $2.00, $226.00; 4 females at $5.00, $20.00; Total, $246.00.

WILLIAM D TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

Report of Receipts and Expenditures at the Almshouse in Acton,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1887.

Articles on hand, February 28, 1886.

7 cows,	$350 00	1 wagon,	$95 00
1 horse,	200 00	1 Concord buggy,	25 00
16 tons hay,	320 00	30 lbs. hams,	4 20
1-2 ton mowed rye,	5 00	7 lbs. lard,	75
Shorts and meal,	22 00	4 doz. eggs,	80
185 flour barrels,	33 30	1-2 bushel beans,	1 00
Lot of bags,	7 00	Spices,	50
4 market boxes,	40	1 barrel flour,	5 50
Salt,	30	Crackers,	25
33 hens,	16 50	3 lbs. coffee,	75
70 bushels potatoes,	49 00	2 lbs. tea,	1 00
20 " small potatoes,	3 50	Hard soap,	50
6 barrels apples,	9 00	1 cider barrel,	1 00
Oil,	30	17 cords wood,	85 00
1 barrel soap,	4 00	Coal,	3 00
300 lbs. salt pork,	30 00		
			$1274 55

Receipts from Town Farm,

From March 1, 1886, to March 1, 1887.

Rec'd for Apples,	$173 32	Rec'd for Cabbages,	$ 50
Milk,	631 32	Pork,	25 02
Calves,	22 50	Eggs,	16 08
Potatoes,	12 46	Cow,	35 00
			$916 20

EXPENSES.

Paid for		Paid for	
Cows,	$95 00	Lantern,	$ 90
Pigs,	10 00	Tea,	18 10
Barrels,	38 57	Lantern burner,	12
Phosphates,	31 06	Tobacco,	88
Hanging paper and whitening rooms,	6 40	Butter,	44 60
Labor,	171 08	Yeast,	1 45
Curing hams,	60	Cloth and clothing,	44 88
Use of bull,	75	Brushes,	1 34
Filing saw,	60	Whetstone,	30
Use of oxen,	5 00	Crackers,	19 85
Lumber,	53	Molasses,	8 81
Fish,	12 96	Cheese,	8 70
Blacksmith bill,	19 08	Hops,	45
Soap,	11 80	Paris green,	50
Meat,	98 19	Cocoa,	17
Grain,	313 82	Hatchet,	75
Trees,	18 00	Salt,	2 00
Repairing chimney,	2 00	Wash boiler,	2 00
L. U. Holt's bill,	8 10	Rye meal,	28
Pearline,	1 13	Extracts,	60
Crockery,	4 28	Wood saw,	92
Axle,	1 25	Sugar,	17 92
Spice,	1 46	Raisins,	2 90
Medicine,	6 55	Currants,	1 12
Oil,	2 17	Rake teeth,	2 50
Pepper,	8	Nails,	95
Rice,	1 35	Sponge,	37
Beans,	2 85	Flour,	28 05
Brooms,	1 72	Scythes,	80
Tin ware,	2 43	Rakes,	54
Coffee,	8 32	Onions,	1 00
Hoe,	50	Cream tartar,	47
Lemons,	73	Tacks,	23
Oyster shells,	20	Vinegar,	50
Pails,	1 87	Dried apple,	72
		Rolling pin,	20

Paid for		Paid for	
Graham meal,	$ 1 15	Glass.	$ 14
Lard,	3 92	Alum.	8
Wall paper,	3 31	Oat meal.	52
Seeds.	47	Hams,	1 56
Saltpetre.	30	White lead.	16
Shelf paper.	3	Curtains and cord.	85
Vinegar,	3 75	Saleratus.	32
Ammonia.	33	Matches.	17
Turpentine,	33	Hominy,	70
Grass seed.	10 88	Shells.	50
Bolts and screws.	27	Postage and stationery,	88
Starch.	84	Butchering.	2 50
Stove polish.	29	Services of Warren Bemis and wife.	250 00
Mustard.	44		
Baskets,	59	Services of Luke Blanchard,	50 00
Spit cup,	12		
Lamp wicks.	6	Services of John E. Cutter,	40 00
Borax.	15		
Wheat,	64	Services of Jona. W. Loker.	8 00
Ketchup.	40		
			$1480 86

Expenditures	$1,480 86	
Receipts	916 20	
Income less than expenses		$564 66
Due from treasury to balance account	$564 66	
Interest on farm	240 00	
		$804 66
Victualing and lodging 112 tramps at 40 cents each		44 80
Cost of supporting poor on farm		$759 86

Whole number of persons, exclusive of tramps, supported in almshouse, 7; average number, 4 1-2; present number, 6.

LUKE BLANCHARD,
JOHN E. CUTTER,
JONATHAN W. LOKER. } *Overseers of Poor.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

FOR THE

SCHOOL-YEAR 1886-7.

To the Town of Acton:

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

BY ITS SUPERINTENDENT.

The same Committee, with one exception, makes its report this year, as last, through its Superintendent.

REPORT.

The same policy has been pursued this last year as in the year preceding. All matters pertaining to the interests of our schools have come before the full Committee for action, and, with one exception, entire unanimity has existed between members of the Committee, and between the Committee and its Superintendent, and this exception would probably have not been had not there been outside interference.

The establishing of the course of study of the High School during the year preceding, whereby its grade of scholarship was not only established but largely raised from what it was before, opened the way for grading the lessons of the lower schools. This has been done, so that now every study is marked out and the scholars and teachers move in an even course of study from the time of entering the Primary grade till they have passed through the Grammar and High School.

The first graduating class from our High School had their commencement or graduation exercises at the Town hall at the close of the spring term of 1886. The following program will indicate the character of the exercises:

Greeting Song. School
Prayer.
Salutatory and Essay—"Character." . . Minnie G. Bassett

History.	Martha C. Pratt
Song—"Home Returning."	Quartette
Oration—"Education."	Eugene L. Hall
Essay—"Over the Alps lies Italy."	M. Florence Fletcher
Duet—"Witches' Flight.	Minnie G. and Blanche M. Bassett
Oration—"Have a Purpose."	Emery W. Clark
Essay—"Conversation as a Fine Art."	Carrie L. Shapley
Song—"Anniversary."	
Essay—"Ever Onward, ever Upward."	Martha C. Pratt
Prophecy.	Eugene L. Hall
Song—(Selected.)	
Valedictory.	Emery W. Clark
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.	
Address.	George A. Walton
Parting Song.	School

The Town hall was crowded and we believe every one was not alone pleased but deeply gratified at the merit shown as the exercises progressed to their finish, and more than ever determined to support that system of education in our town that should maintain the High School as the fitting complement to the Primary and Grammar grades.

Sickness has interfered with the schools during the year to a large extent. The average membership and attendance table shows the effect of the same.

Still in the South and West Primary and the West Grammar schools, with the High School, every seat has been filled, and there is a need of more seats and no opportunity in the school-rooms to place them. And it is now, as it was last year, urged upon the town, by its School Committee, that it take speedy action to provide for this necessity now before us. The South Primary school with a total membership of fifty-two, and the West with its membership of forty-six, would have presented difficulties that your Committee could not have answered for had not sickness taken many from their desks and thus given room for others. As it was, your Committee had to vote to refuse entrance to scholars until the beginning of the fall term, when some seats would be vacated by the classes going into the next room. This will not relieve the embarrassment, as those desiring to enter are more than those who will be fitted to go into the next grade.

With the High School your Committee had to make arrangements with the teachers of the Grammar grades at the North and Centre to take some High School scholars, because there was not

room enough for all in the school-room at South Acton. This school is in still a worse condition, as one-half of the highest class have concluded to take the four years' course, so that but four or five will graduate this spring, while thirty are reported from the different schools as fitting themselves for and intending to enter the High School in the fall. This will increase the membership of our High School from fifty, which has been its membership since the entering of the last class last fall, to *seventy-six* for next year. There is no school-room to accommodate such a school in the town, even if one teacher could, with any justice to himself or the scholars, be the tutor of so many scholars covering a four years' course of study embracing *seventeen* different text books, besides exercises in reading, writing, spelling and rhetorical.

These problems can only be solved, in the opinion of your Committee, by giving assistants to these schools, and specially the High School.

Your Committee again recommend that the town make suitable arrangements through the School Committee for the transportation of scholars to and from the villages where the High School is held in its successive terms. It has pained us to know that children of parents who were unable to provide transportation, or pay for the same, have been denied that which they so much desire, and are fitted for, in that they could not go to the High School.

BOOKS.

But little has been done in the direction of books during the year. The necessity of buying many more new arithmetics was taken advantage of in making a change, which we are confident was for the best.

The same necessity existed as to reading books, and instead of buying the same, or any one series of reading books, for the whole town, the plan of the Superintendent was unanimously adopted of purchasing enough of each of three series for three schools, and at the end of the year change readers, thus giving new readers to each school for three years, this being about the length of time that reading books can be used advantageously.

Your Committee has also voted to put single entry book-keeping into the Grammar schools for the highest class, to be studied in connection with, and place of, writing, so that every Grammar

school scholar will receive training in the elementary principles of book-keeping, even if they do not attend the High School, and fit them for higher attainment in that branch of study if they do enter the High School.

SCHOOLS.

It has been the custom many years for each Committeeman in our town to hire the teacher for his district. During a visit from the agent of the State Board of Education, in making inquiries as to the general school work of the town, this fact was inquired about, and, when known, the Committee was notified that such practice was against the law of the Commonwealth, and that every teacher of the town must be elected by the action of the whole Committee before they could enter upon their work; otherwise the town would run the risk of losing its proportion of the State educational funds. Therefore the Committee as a whole has voted upon the hiring of every teacher in the town during the past year.

There have been a number of changes among the teachers in our schools.

In the South East, by the marriage of the teacher, the school was left vacant at the close of the spring term, and Miss Laura Brown of Littleton, an experienced teacher, was secured for the place.

At North Acton it was deemed best by the Committee to make a change, and during the summer vacation Mr. Joseph Godfrey of Acton, was employed to take the school at its opening in the fall.

In the Centre Grammar Miss Louise Crooker began the year, but gave place to Mr. O. W. Dutton for the winter term, at her own request, she not desiring to keep the school longer. Miss Bessie Ball continues as teacher in the Primary grade, where she has been for so many years.

At East Acton Miss S. A. Wetherbee, who has taught this school for years, found it needful to take a prolonged rest for her health in the winter, and Miss Evilina Davis and Miss Louise Crooker, successively, were employed as substitutes.

At the South Miss Viola S. Tuttle has continued to be the teacher of the Primary school.

Miss Holmes, who had proven herself to be one of the best of teachers, had some trouble in matters of discipline, and, though

it was the expressed wish of most of the parents of the scholars to retain her, it was deemed best by the committee to make a change. This was acquiesced in by parents and Committeman, and Miss Fannie Houghton was secured and has held the school since the beginning of the school year.

There has been a change also in the teacher of our High School, and we are convinced it has proven to be for the best interests of the school. A. W. Armstrong is now the teacher.

At West Acton Miss C. Lettie Newton continues as the teacher of the Primary school.

As to the Grammar school at West Acton, where Miss S. J. Wyman was teacher, the Committee became aware that she was using methods of punishment that were cruel and could not be allowed by the Committee; other matters, also, that were not in accord with the policy of the Committee, were continually carried out, and at the close of the spring term the Committee requested the Committeeman from the West district to confer with her, that either these matters should be remedied or a new teacher be secured. No conference was held and nothing was done in the case, and matters were the more aggravated till, during the fall term, the Committee refused to hire her for another term, and requested the Committeeman to select and bring another teacher before them for their approval. Outside parties, not parents of any children in the school, interfered, delaying action, until, as a matter of compromise, the Committee gave its consent to the hiring of said teacher for another term with the express understanding that it was to be the last.

With this one exception entire unanimity has existed in all the workings of the Committee.

Another teacher has been selected for the West Acton Grammar school and enters upon her work at the beginning of the spring term.

The usual financial and attendance tables are appended.

The foregoing report in full, with the statistical table, its statements as to schools and its recommendations having been read to the Committee is accepted and adopted by them as its report, through its Superintendent, without an objection.

C. L. RHOADES, *Superintendent of Schools*,
For the School Committee of Acton.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

To the Town of Acton:

Your School Committee hereby submit their report of the expenses of the schools of the town by districts; said expenses covering salaries of teachers, the cost of fuel and care of school buildings.

JOHN E. CUTTER, *Chairman.*
CHARLES H. MEAD, *Clerk.*

Acton, March 16, 1887.

Acton High Schools.

Salary of teacher	$720 00	
Rent of instrument	22 00	
Care of room	35 00	
Fuel	23 00	
		$800 00

West Acton Schools.

Salary of teachers	$700 00	
Fuel	57 40	
Care of rooms	85 62	
		$843 02

Acton Centre Schools.

Salary of teachers	$676 00	
Fuel	76 95	
Care of building	44 50	
		$797 45

South Acton Schools.

Salary of teachers	$712 00	
Fuel	40 71	
Care of building	92 50	
		$845 21

North Acton School.

Salary of teacher	$315 00	
Fuel	34 68	
Care of building	24 13	
		$373 81

East Acton School.

Teacher's salary	$326 00	
Fuel	34 45	
Care of building	23 00	
		$383 45

South East Acton School.

Salary of teacher	$315 00	
Fuel	29 62	
Care of building	17 11	
		$361 73
Total		$4,404 67

TABULAR STATEMENT.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole No. scholars.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Number under 5 years.	Number over 15 years.	Number between 8 and 14 years.
Acton High, . .	H. H. Williams, A. W. Armstrong.	36	64	42	38	0	40	24
Centre { Primary,	Miss Bessie Ball,	35	34	19	17	1	0	16
Centre { Grammar,	" Louise Crooker, O. W. Dutton,	35	30	20	18	0	6	15
South { Primary,	Miss Viola Tuttle,	35	52	39	33	0	1	28
South { Grammar,	" S. B. Holmes, " Fannie Houghton,	35	39	28	26	0	0	26
West { Primary,	" C. Lettie Newton,	35	46	37	33	0	0	21
West { Grammar,	" S. J. Wyman,	35	35	31	30	0	3	27
North, . . .	" Ella D. Daniels, Joseph W. Cowdry.	35	28	21	19	1	4	15
East, ...	Miss S. A. Wetherbee, " Evilina Davis, " Louise Crooker,	35	27	20	17	0	0	19
South East, . .	" C. A. Granger, " Laura Brown,	35	14	12	11	0	1	9
Totals.			369	269	242	2	55	200

Number of children, between the ages of five and fifteen years, in the town as returned by the Assessors in 1886, 259.

Town Officers for 1887.

Town Clerk.

WM. D. TUTTLE.

Selectmen.

J. K. W. WETHERBEE, JOB W. DUPEE, THOS. F. NOYES.

Assessors.

PHINEAS WETHERBEE, J. W. DUPEE, CHAUNCEY B. ROBBINS.

Overseers of the Poor.

ELISHA H. CUTLER, LUKE BLANCHARD, M. E. TAYLOR.

School Committee.

CHARLES H. MEAD, CHARLES J. WILLIAMS,
GEORGE R. KEYES, WILLIAM S. JONES.

Highway Surveyors.

CHARLES WHEELER, FRANCIS PRATT, NAHUM LITTLEFIELD.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON,

FROM

February 26, 1887, to February 26, 1888.



ACTON:
THE ENTERPRISE STEAM JOB PRINT.
1888.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Acton in Account with J. K. W. Wetherbee, Treasurer.

1888	*Dr.*		
Feb. 27.	To cash paid, State tax,	$1665 00	
	" " County tax,	778 56	
	" " on Selectmen's orders,	17,962 77	
	" Outstanding orders,	580 88	
	" Balance due the town,	799 56	
			$21,786 77
1887	*Cr.*		
Feb. 26.	By balance in the treasury,	$897 36	
	Cash received of T. F. Newton on account of South School District,	23 50	
	Cash received of T. F. Newton for school books sold,	1 59	
	Received of C. H. Burroughs for tuition at High School,	16 67	
	Chapel Society for rent of school room to April 1, 1887,	33 00	
	American Powder Co., for 253 feet hard pine lumber,	7 08	
	Town of Billerica, for support of Thomas Russell,	268 90	
	Varnum Tuttle, borrowed money,	1723 00	
	George Chandler, borrowed money,	500 00	
	Angie B. Hill, borrowed money,	430 00	
	Daniel Harris, borrowed money,	500 00	
	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	1,073 69	

Received of State Treasurer, National bank tax,	578 21	
State Treasurer, State aid, chap. 252, acts 1879,	176 50	
State Treasurer, State aid, chap. 301, acts 1879,	107 00	
State Treasurer, support of State pauper,	9 25	
State Treasurer, burial of state pauper,	10 00	
State Treasurer, income of Mass. school fund,	167 54	
County Treasurer, dog fund for 1887,	240 54	
J. E. Cutter, for taxes of 1886,	1704 84	
J. E. Cutter, for taxes of 1887,	13,098 40	
Interest on money in bank,	80 69	
L. W. Stevens for lots sold in Mount Hope Cemetery,	38 00	
City of Boston for aid furnished Mrs. Abbie Sibley,	53 01	
Julian Tuttle, for rent of Town Hall and cellar,	48 00	
		$21,786 77

J. K. W. WETHERBEE, *Treasurer of Acton.*

ACTON, Feb. 27th, 1888.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Centre District.

Paid Rev. James Fletcher for teachers,		$700 00	
" "	care of house,	68 45	
" "	fuel,	80 06	
" "	incidentals,	3 20	
" "	cleaning school, rooms,	2 78	
			$854 49

West District.

Paid C. H. Mead for teachers,		$700 00	
" "	care of house,	78 17	
" "	fuel,	28 42	
" "	incidentals,	4 21	
" "	cleaning school-rooms,	6 40	
			$817 20

South District.

Paid Anson C. Piper for teachers,		$700 00	
" "	care of house,	90 25	
" "	fuel,	45 35	
" "	cleaning school-rooms,	2 25	
" "	incidentals,	3 78	
			$841 63

North District.

Paid George R. Keyes for teachers,		$338 00	
" "	fuel,	67 97	
" "	care of house,	23 50	
" "	cleaning school-rooms,	3 00	
" "	incidentals,	73	
			$433 20

East District.

Paid C. J. Williams for teachers		$338 00	
" "	care of house,	31 70	
" "	fuel,	48 12	
" "	incidental,	1 60	
			$419 42

Southeast District.

Paid W. S. Jones for teachers,	$315 00	
" " fuel,	38 53	
" " care of house,	17 00	
		$370 53

High School.

Paid C. H. Mead,	$240 00	
" " care of house,	12 00	
" " use of organ,	5 00	
" " fuel,	4 00	
George Gardner for rent of piano and music for graduating exercises,	11 04	
Paid George Gardner for rent of organ,	6 00	
A. W. Armstrong for teaching,	480 00	
Rev. James Fletcher, care of house,	8 00	
" " fuel,	4 00	
Anson C. Piper care of house,	15 00	
" " fuel,	10 00	
" " rent of organ,	5 00	
		$800 04

School Supplies.

Paid T. F. Newton,	$14 62	
C. H. Mead,	321 19	
Rev. James Fletcher,	11 90	
		$347 71

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Rev. C. L. Rhoades for service as superintendent of schools,	$41 66
Rev. James Fletcher, for services as superintendent of schools,	124 98
John E. Cutter, collecting taxes for 1886,	100 00
L. U. Holt, sealer of weights and measures,	10 00
C. B. Stone, services as registrar of voters to May 1st, 1887,	30 00
John White, services as registrar of voters to Jan. 1st, 1887,	5 00
C. J. Williams, services as registrar of voters,	2 50
Phineas Wetherbee, services as assessor,	35 00
C. B. Robbins, services as assessor,	22 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, services as town clerk to March 5th, 1888,	25 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, services as registrar of voters to May 1st, 1887,	15 00

Paid Julian Tuttle, services as registrar of voters to May 1st, 1888,	12 00		
J. W. Dupee, services as assessor,	24 00		
" " " selectman,	45 00		
T. F. Noyes, " "	45 00		
J. K. W. Wetherbee, services as selectman,	85 00		
J. K. W. Wetherbee, services as treasurer,	45 00		
			$667 14

PRINTING.

Paid John F. Wood, printing 500 sheet reports,	$10 00		
John F. Wood, printing 600 book reports,	55 00		
John F. Wood, printing town warrants,	10 00		
" " " notices,	4 50		
Clarence Hosmer, printing bridge notices,	75		
John Fletcher, printing notices to fishermen,	2 50		
John Fletcher, printing fish permits,	5 00		
			$ 87 75

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid Nathan Johnson, for labor in Woodlawn cemetery,	$55 90		
Moses A. Reed, relaying wall at Woodlawn cemetery,	21 90		
L. W. Stevens, labor in Mount Hope cemetery,	69 05		
North Acton Granite Co., for building receiving tomb,	452 00		
L. W. Stevens, labor on tomb,	26 52		
Nathan Johnson, labor in North Acton cemetery,	5 25		
L. W. Stevens, door for receiving tomb,	25 00		
			$655 62

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Luke Blanchard, deficiency at Town Farm, in 1886,	$564 66		
Luke Blanchard, for support of Clara Wheeler,	18 49		
Luke Blanchard, for support of Emily F. Town,	39 00		

Paid Luke Blanchard, aid furnished Thomas Russell,	24 00	
Luke Blanchard, aid furnished Ola Nelson,	3 00	
E. H. Cutler, for support of Clara Wheeler,	167 91	
E. H. Cutler, for support of Emily F. Town,	90 00	
E. H. Cutler, for aid furnished Ruth Pike,	61 00	
E. H. Cutler, for aid furnished J. E. Harris,	126 82	
E. H. Cutler, for aid furnished Gilman Newton,	54 68	
E. H. Cutler, burial expenses of Gilman Newton,	15 00	
E. H. Cutler, for aid furnished Trainor family,	16 00	
E. H. Cutler, for aid furnished Barzilai Lawrence,	17 00	
E. H. Cutler, for aid furnished Annie Stone, State pauper,	10 00	
E. H. Cutler, for medical attendance,	6 00	
E. H. Cutler, burial of an unknown tramp,	10 00	
E. H. Cutler, for medical attendance,	1 25	
E. H. Cutler, for aid furnished Mrs. Abbie Sibley,	53 01	
E. H. Cutler, for aid furnished Mrs. John Quinland,	102 77	
E. H. Cutler, for aid furnished Hannah Stanton,	98 72	
E. H. Cutler, journey to Boston, respecting Mrs. Abbie Sibley,	2 00	
E. H. Cutler, aid furnished T. Russell,	151 66	
		$1,632 97

STATE AID.

Paid John Carroll,	$60 00	
Benjamin Skinner,	96 00	
Richard G. Dane,	60 00	
Allen G. Smith,	60 00	
Ola Nelson,	48 00	
Mrs. Rebecca C. Wright,	48 00	
Luke Smith,	20 00	
Mrs. Mary Smith,	20 00	
		$412 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Charles Wheeler, regular highway work,	$600	00	
Francis Pratt, regular highway work,	592	20	
N. Littlefield, regular highway work,	607	07	
N. Littlefield, labor on road near the house of Isaac Reed per order County Commissioners,	23	75	
Thomas McCarthy, widening bridge near the mill of H. M. Smith,	300	00	
Dennis Farmer, labor on Gould road,	405	00	
Charles Wheeler, labor on Gould road,	150	00	
Joseph Noyes, for land taken for road,	20	00	
Joseph Barker, for land taken for road,	25	00	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, drain pipe for sluice near house of Moses Garfield,	22	62	
J. W. Dupee, freight on drain pipe,	1	28	
L. W. Stevens, for widening and railing road near Receiving tomb,	38	47	
L. W. Stevens, lumber and repairing railing near Littlefield's Carriage Manufactory,	14	37	
Charles Wheeler, repairing and railing road near the houses of H. R. Hosmer and Geo. Brooks,	30	27	
Charles Wheeler, repairing sluice near house of Moses Garfield,	4	79	
F. R. Knowlton, for gravel,	6	35	
John Kelley, for gravel,		50	
Francis Pratt, lumber for railing road,	7	91	
			$2,849 58

REPAIRS ON TOWN BUILDINGS.

Paid Rev. James Fletcher, repairs on school-house in Centre district,	$46	30
J. E. Cutter, repairs on school-house in Centre district,	4	55
Nathan Johnson, labor at school-house, in Centre district,	7	51
Anson C. Piper, repairs on school-house in South district,	27	57
C. J. Williams, repairs on school-house in East district,	29	18

Paid George R. Keyes, repairs on school-house in North district,	2 73		
George Booker, whitening chapel room in South district,	3 50		
C. H. Mead, repairs on school-house in West District,	61 12		
W. S. Jones, repairs on school-house, South-east district,	8 33		
L. U. Holt, repairs at town hall,	8 28		
Robert Wayne, repairs on school-house in Centre district,	16 00		
L. U. Holt, Repairing stove in Centre district,	5 87		
L. U. Holt, grate for stove in East District in 1886,	1 50		
			$222 44

TEMPORARY LOAN PAID.

Paid Varnum Tuttle, note and interest,	$1,756 74	
Daniel Harris, " "	511 87	
George Chandler, interest on notes,	35 00	
Varnum Tuttle, " "	65 00	
C. H. Wheeler, " "	20 00	
" " note and interest,	577 90	
George Chandler, notes and interest,	1,234 47	
Varnum Tuttle, " "	1,349 83	
		$5,550 81

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid S. A. Guilford, for Memorial Day,	$100 00	
Andrew S. Jackson, for 5 fire hooks,	68 44	
Freight on fire hooks,	25	
Town of Littleton for schooling of Frank Bulette and Edward Jewett,	6 90	
North Acton Granite Co., for 12 stone bound posts,	3 60	
L. E. Reed, attending 36 burials,	108 00	
L. E. Reed, making return, 36 deaths,	9 00	
L. E. Reed, services at Magog pond, per order fish commissioners,	25 00	
James Kinsley for use of road for Hurley,	8 00	

Paid Waldo Littlefield, painting and repairing hearse,	31 00
H. C. Sherwin, for services in relation to hall road per order County commissioners,	13 85
C. J. Williams, lumber and advertising for Fish commissioners,	2 25
Dr. I. Hutchins, for Military record,	75 00
J. E. Cutter, abatement of taxes for 1885 and 1886,	63 59
J. E. Cutter, abatement of taxes for 1887,	40 40
J. E. Cutter, notifying 21 persons to take oath of office,	2 63
J. E. Cutter, discount on taxes for 1887,	759 48
E. Jones & Co., repairing fire hook,	44
E. Jones & Co., coal for town hall,	21 36
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 1 and 1-2 doz. fire pails,	4 87
N. Johnson, sign boards for Davis monument,	4 75
N. Johnson, cutting grass around monument,	1 00
Francis Pratt, blacksmith's bill,	2 54
Charles Wheeler, blacksmith's bill,	7 75
Phineas Wetherbee, meeting tax commissioners,	2 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, three invoice books,	1 05
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, Collector's book,	1 20
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, lamp bracket for town hall,	37
Wm. D. Tuttle, laying out Gould road and writing bond,	9 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, taking water level near H. M. Smith's mill,	2 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, meeting selectmen on Hall road,	1 50
Wm. D. Tuttle, surveying at town farm,	1 25
Wm. D. Tuttle, surveying and making lease of gravel pit of Moses Taylor & G. E. Whittier,	1 75
Wm. D. Tuttle, postage and express charges,	3 42
Wm. D. Tuttle, collecting and recording 30 births,	15 00

Paid Wm. D. Tuttle, stationery,	1	25	
Wm. D. Tuttle, recording 19 marriages,	2	85	
Wm. D. Tuttle, recording 42 deaths,	6	20	
Charles Wheeler, teaming and setting 12 stone bounds,	4	62	
Charles Wheeler, stone guide post,	1	50	
Moses Taylor, for gravel pit,	11	63	
James C. Graham, for gravel pit,	30	00	
J. P. Tenney, breaking roads,	1	25	
C. J. Williams, grading and labor at the East school-house,	9	00	
M. E. Taylor, oil, wicks and supplies for town hall in 1886,	3	34	
M. E. Taylor, oil, wicks and supplies for town hall in 1887 and 1888,	10	29	
Julian Tuttle, for care of town hall and clock,	58	35	
G. H. Parlin, repairing flag,		40	
G. H. Parkin, for tolling bell 6 times,	1	20	
			$1,540 52

BOUNTY TAX REFUNDED.

Paid Herbert T. Clark,	$1	12	
J. M. Harlow,	15	48	
John Grimes,	10	49	
James W. Hayward,	13	32	
James W. Fisk,		19	
			$40 60

RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance in the treasury Feb. 26, 1887,	$ 897 36
" due from collector of taxes Feb. 26, 1887,	1,704 84
Appropriation for Town charges,	6,000 00
for supports of schools,	4,100 00
for roads,	1,800 00
Overlayings,	202 97
State Tax,	1,665 00
County Tax,	778 56
Rec'd of T. F. Newton, on account of South school district,	23 50
T. F. Newton, for school books sold,	1 59
C. H. Burrough, for tuition at High school,	16 67
Chapel society, for rent of school-room to April 1st, 1887,	33 00
American Powder Co., for lumber sold,	7 08
Town of Billerica, for aid furnished Thomas Russell,	268 90
Varnum Tuttle, borrowed money,	1,723 00
Geo. Chandler, " "	500 00
Angie B. Hill, " "	430 00
Daniel Harris, " "	500 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	1,073 69
" National bank tax,	578 21
" State Aid chap. 252, acts '79,	176 50
" " " 301, " '79,	107 00
" Support of State pauper,	9 25
" Burial of State paupers,	10 00
" Income Mass. school fund,	167 54
County Treasurer, dog fund,	240 54
Interest on money in bank,	80 69
L. W. Stevens, for lots sold in Mount Hope cemetery,	38 00
Julian Tuttle, for rent of town hall and cellar,	48 00
City of Boston, for aid furnished Mrs. Abbie Sibley,	53 01
	$23,234 90

EXPENDITURES.

For Centre District School,	$854 49	
West " "	817 20	
South " "	841 63	
North " "	433 20	
East " "	419 42	
So. East " "	370 53	
High School,	800 04	
School supplies,	347 71	
Town officers,	667 14	
Cemetery expenses,	655 62	
Printing,	87 75	
State aid,	412 00	
Support of poor,	1,632 97	
Road and bridges,	2,849 58	
Repairs on town buildings,	222 44	
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,540 52	
Temporary loan paid,	5,550 81	
State tax,	1,665 00	
County tax,	778 56	
Bounty tax refunded,	40 60	
		$20,987 21
Balance due from collector,	$1,448 13	
" " treasurer,	799 56	
		2,247 69
		$23,234 90
Balance due from collector and treasurer,	$2,247 69	
NOTES PAYABLE.		
Mrs. Angie B. Hill, note and interest,	441 46	
Balance due the town,		$1,806 23

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
J. W. DUPEE,
T. F. NOYES
} *Selectmen of Acton.*

ACTON, Feb. 27, 1888.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TO JANUARY 1, 1888.

BIRTHS IN ACTON IN 1887.

No.	Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
1.	Jan. 17.	Mabel Eudora Tuttle,	daughter of Roswell and Annie B. Tuttle.
2.	Feb. 1.	Hattie L. Dane,	daughter of Ida L. Dane.
3.	Feb. 5.	Frank Mahoney,	son of Sevier and May Grace Mahoney.
4.	Feb. 20.	Arthur Noble Snow,	son of Charles H. and Mary E. Snow.
5.	Mar. 31.	Carrie Eliza Fletcher,	daughter of Jonathan P. and Lizzie Fletcher.
6.	Apr. 9.	Oliver Aldrich Wyman,	son of Alphonzo A. and Laura Wyman.
7.	Apr. 9.	Herbert Harry Penniman,	son of Orenzo W. and Olive L. Penniman.
8.	Apr. 16.	Charlotte Mary Reed,	daughter of Fred W. and Lina Reed.
9.	May 18.	Lizzie May Burroughs,	daughter of Samuel R. and Ella A. Burroughs.
10.	May 31.	Bertha Mabel Austin,	daughter of Byron W. and Hattie Belle Austin.
11.	May 31.	Henry Irving Worden,	son of Martin H. and Lizzie M. Worden.
12.	June 6.	Mary Elizabeth Jones,	daughter of Edward H. and Sarah J. Jones.
13.	June 6.	Mary Lizzie Forest,	daughter of Mary E. Forest.
14.	June 11.	Alice Stacy Warren,	daughter of William S. and Rose Evelyn Warren.
15.	June 27.	William Francis Brown,	son of Clarence W. and Minnie A. Brown.
16.	July 8.	J. Carlton Wood,	son of William H. and Minnie B. Wood.
17.	July 13.	Wm. Harold Hatfield,	son of William H. and Mildred A. Hatfield.
18.	July 30.	Wallace Howard Owens,	son of Thomas P. and Eliza J. Owens.
19.	Aug. 4.	Marion Fernette Dart,	daughter of Oswald L. and Cora A. Dart.
20.	Aug. 14.	A son of Timothy and Ellen Sullivan.	
21.	Sept. 21.	Nellie May Sargent,	daughter of Albert F. and Sarah F. Sargent.

22. Oct. 8. Charles Edward Sidney Richardson, son of Sidney L. and M. Katherine Richardson.
23. Oct. 13. Joseph Haggerty, son of William and Eliza Haggerty.
24. Oct. 23. Alexander Lewis Nickerson, son of Bowman C. and Eliza R. Nickerson.
25. Nov. 8. Richard Earl Florist, son of Truman F. and Fannie M. Florist.
26. Nov. 30. Michael James McCarthy, son of James L. and Margaret A. McCarthy.
27. Dec. 1. Lizzie S. Piper, daughter of Anson C. and Ellen L. Piper.
28. Dec. 2. Arthur Fitch Harris, son of David C. and Jennie B. Harris.
29. Dec. 22. George McCarty, son of Thomas and Hannah McCarty.
30. Dec. 25. Christine Ann O'Leary, daughter of Daniel and Olive E. O'Leary.

Males, 17; females, 13. Total, 30.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN ACTON IN 1887.

No.	Date.	Names of Parties.
1.	Jan. 9.	Clark G. Durkee and Ida L. Reed, both of Acton.
2.	Mar. 8.	Abel Farrar and Martha P. Dufresne both of Acton.
3.	April 24.	James L. McCarthy of Acton and Maggie A. Trainer of Stow.
4.	April 27.	Newton E. Bean and Harriet A. Kenty, both of Acton.
5.	May 8.	George A. Smith and Alma W. Forbush, both of Acton.
6.	May 15.	Norman A. Davidson and Mary Alice Hodge, both of Acton.
7.	June 7.	Alfred M. Chaffee of Oxford and Mary E. T. Brown of Littleton.
8.	July 17.	William H. Hill and Angie B. Worthen, both of Acton.
9.	Aug. 23.	Martin Baker of Acton and Margaret Hart of Littleton.
10.	Sept. 7.	Charles E. Cloud of Norwich, Vt., and Nellie M. Conant of Acton.
11.	Sept. 18.	Daniel J. Gallagher of Acton and Katie Bulger of Lowell.
12.	Oct. 2.	William Ross and Frances E. Tower, both of Maynard.
13.	Oct. 4.	Fredson P. Brooks and Martha M. Durgin, both of Concord.
14.	Oct. 5.	Frederick W. Gray and Clara F. Leach, both of Acton.
15.	Oct. 7.	Eugene C. Stevens of Stow and Alice S. Guilford of Acton.
16.	Oct. 21.	Rev. George W. Stearns of Acton and Sarah Elizabeth Dow of Island Falls, Me.
17.	Nov. 9.	Joseph L. Brown of Littleton and Lizzie M. Scofield of Acton.
18.	Nov. 17.	John Fltzgerald, Jr., of Concord, and Margaret Coughlin of Acton.
19.	Dec. 5.	Edward F. Pratt and Etta Cora Temple, both of Acton.

Total, 19.

DEATHS RECORDED IN ACTON IN 1887.

Date of Death.	Names of Persons.	Age.
Jan'y 10.	Joseph F. Cole,	70 years, 10 months, 5 days.
Jan'y 11.	Abbie Charlton,	7 months, 20 days.
Jan'y 12.	Norman A. Spinney,	2 years, 6 months, 7 days.
Jan'y 19.	Charles W. Melone,	38 years, 4 months, 5 days.
Jan'y 26.	Abbie Gertrude Palmer,	1 year, 5 months, 11 days.
Feb'y 27.	Olivia L. B. Drew,	71 years, 10 months, 17 days.
March 10.	Arthur F. Duren,	1 year, 6 months, 2 days.
March 25.	Lizzie Booker,	19 years, 2 months.
March 29.	Clarissa P. Wetherbee,	69 years, 6 months, 2 days.
March 30.	An unknown man at Almshouse,	about 45 years.
April 17.	Jane Kelleran,	79 years, 11 months, 4 days.
April 21.	Daniel Callahan,	48 years.
May 8.	Nancy M. Burnham,	65 years, 10 months.
May 16.	Lydia Dane,	62 years, 10 months, 15 days.
May 19.	Charles T. Owens,	1 year, 5 months.
May 29.	Andrew J. Willis,	70 years, 7 months, 6 days.
June 23.	Emily W. Parker,	39 years, 11 months, 5 days.
June 27.	Sarah F. Parlin,	78 years.
July 18.	Mary M. Bowen,	65 years, 4 months, 4 days.
July 22.	Hattie L. Dane,	6 months, 21 days.
July 25.	Joseph Estabrook,	76 years, 2 months, 21 days.
Aug. 10.	Joseph Piper (died in Springfield),	85 years, 5 months.
Aug. 16.	Infant son of Timothy and Ellen Sullivan,	2 days.
Aug. 26.	Henry Loker,	79 years, 7 months, 26 days.
Sept. 1.	Martha C. Harris,	49 years, 11 months, 20 days.
Sept. 7.	Lena Fitch,	34 years, 6 months, 22 days.
Sept. 8.	Ellen Moore,	67 years.
Sept. 22.	Thomas Russell,	78 years, 5 months, 26 days.
Sept. 23.	Mary E. Forest,	3 months, 17 days.
Sept. 23.	Ephraim Oliver,	77 years, 1 month, 23 days.
Oct. 3.	Eliza W. Hayward,	69 years, 10 months, 7 days.
Oct. 8.	James Callahan,	10 years, 8 months, 13 days.
Oct. 18.	Myrtle W. Tucker,	1 year, 2 months.
Oct. 18.	Elizabeth N. Brooks,	83 years, 11 months, 11 days.
Oct. 20.	(In Maynard.) Mary E. Currie,	40 years, 2 months, 20 days.
Dec. 7.	Aaron M. Jones,	64 years, 7 months, 23 days.
Dec. 11.	Hiram Walker,	55 years, 10 months, 16 days.
Dec. 11.	Mary Farrar,	87 years, 10 months, 11 days.
Dec. 16.	Robert Chaffin,	90 years, 9 months, 25 days.
Dec. 30.	Orlando Leland,	81 years.
Dec. 31.	Arthur B. Robbins,	23 years, 1 month, 18 days.

Total, 41.

AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM LICENSES OF DOGS SINCE LAST REPORT, AS FOLLOWS FROM

Owner.	*Amount.*	*Owner.*	*Amount.*
Warren Bemis,	$2	Willis L. Mead,	$2
James D. Coburn,	2	John H. Hanniford,	2
Chas. H. Hodges,	2	Geo. R. Keyes,	2
E. J. Robbins,	2	Joseph R. Bassett,	2
Allen Waterman,	2	H. M. Smith,	2
Charles Varney,	2	Webster C. Robbins,	2
Charles J. Williams,	2	Frederick Rouillard,	2
Antoine Bulette,	2	John Temple,	2
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee,	6	John Kelly,	2
J. K. W. Wetherbee,	2	William Hurd,	2
Elnathan Jones,	4	Chauncy B. Robbins,	4
F. A. Houston,	2	Edwin H. Jones,	2
E. Eddie Fletcher,	2	Lewis V. Clough,	2
Augustus Fletcher,	2	Anson C. Piper,	2
Danie F. Hayward,	2	Ralph Crooker,	2
Albert F. Sargent,	2	Sylvester Haynes,	2
A. W. Gardner,	2	Frank E. Harris,	2
Stephen E. Martin,	2	Henry L. Willard,	2
Mrs. Geo. F. Flagg,	2	Charles J. Holton,	7
John Fletcher,	2	Isaiah S. Leach,	2
D. J. Wetherbee,	2	Arthur G. Knowlton,	2
J. W. Dupee,	2	Thomas P. Owens,	2
Adelbert Mead,	2	Francis Pratt,	2
William Barnes,	2	David Shapley,	2
Albert Moulton,	2	Frank W. Houghton,	2
Reuben L. Reed,	2	Willie F. Stevens,	2
Daniel Tuttle,	2	Charles H. Morris,	2
A. L. Lawrence,	5	A. B. Brown,	2
Daniel Harris,	2	Moses E. Taylor,	2
Moses A. Reed,	2	Moses Taylor,	2
Fred S. Whitcomb,	2	Nahum Littlefield,	2
Wm. D. Tuttle,	2	Joshua Sawyer,	2
Charles B. Sanders,	4	Isaac S. Ford,	2
Willie S. Fletcher,	2	Waldo Littlefield,	2
Isaac Barker,	2	Forbush & Hartwell,	5
Otis H. Forbush,	2	John C. Gates,	2
A. L. Noyes,	2	Eben Davis,	2
Solon A. Robbins,	2	Fred Penniman,	2
Henry Hanson,	2	Geo. B. Gowen,	5
Daniel McCarthy, 2d,	2	Edward O'Neil,	2
Ai Robbins,	2	Henry Haynes,	2
Wm. B. Davis,	2	John W. Aldrich,	2
Olie D. Wood,	2	Henry Brooks,	2

Owner.	*Amount.*	*Owner.*	*Amount.*
Geo. H. S. Houghton,	$2	Herman Chaplin,	$2
John W. Randall,	2	George Gardner,	2
Luther Conant,	4	Delette H. Hall,	2
Wm. H. Hatfield,	2	George Conant,	2
Henry C. Scarlett,	2	Josie G. Wood,	2
Nathan R. Palmer,	2	N. A. Davidson,	2
Allen G. Smith,	2	Edward Willis,	2
Jeremiah McCarthy,	2	Mrs. Joseph Cole,	2
Chas. A. Harrington,	2	Thomas J. Sawyer,	5
A. H. Gilmore,	2	Howard Merchant,	2
A. L. Tuttle,	2	Geo. E. Whittier,	2
Thomas Calder,	2	Frank R. Knowlton,	2
George Pratt,	5	Geo. A. Conant,	2
J. E. Schofield,	2	Jairus C. Wheeler,	5
Wm. H. Teele,	2	L. E. Reed,	2
Chas. H. Taylor,	2	L. U. Holt,	2
Geo. C. Wright,	2	Geo. W. Worster,	2
Isaac W. Flagg,	2	A. Risso,	2

122 Males at $2, $244; 7 Females at $5, $35. Total, $279.

WM. D. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

Acton, March 15th, 1888.

Report of Receipts and Expenditures at the Almshouse in Acton,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1888.

Articles on hand, February 29, 1888.

8 cows,	$325 00
1 horse,	175 00
1 wagon,	85 00
13 tons hay,	234 00
2 tons straw,	20 00
1 horse mower,	40 00
40 hens,	20 00
15 cords wood,	75 00
200 pounds pork,	20 00
Lumber,	20 00
Cotton seed,	1 20
Shorts and meal,	5 00
Bags,	7 00
Salt,	50
Market boxes,	40
Barrel,	1 00
10 pounds ham,	1 40
Beef,	1 00
Potatoes,	1 00
Soft soap,	1 00
Concord buggy,	25 00
Lard,	1 40
Pickles,	1 20
Sugar,	60
Beans,	2 25
Butter,	50
Eggs,	1 00
Flour,	1 50
Spices,	85
Cream tartar,	37
Soap,	1 85
Matches,	18
Apple jam,	50

Molasses,	70	
Rice,	15	
Coffee,	17	
Coal,	1 00	
Barrel,	1 00	
Crackers,	12	
		$1,073 84

Appraisal of Town Farm Property, March 1, 1888.

Contents of Room No. 1. Southeast.

2 chairs, 2 bedsteads, 2 feather beds, 2 mattresses, 3 pillows, 2 bolsters, 4 sheets, 3 pillow cases, 2 pair blankets, 2 quilts, 2 bed spreads, 2 mats, 2 bureaus, 5 pictures, 3 window curtains, 2 chambers, $26 80

Room No. 2. East Room.

1 chair, 1 table, 1 lounge, 1 bedstead, 2 curtains, 1 feather bed, 1 mattress, 1 quilt, 1 spread, $9 25

Room No. 3.—Northeast Room.

1 bedstead, 2 chairs, 1 table, 1 mattress, 1 feather bed, 2 sheets, 2 bed quilts, 1 bed spread, 1 blanket, 1 trunk, 2 pillows, 1 chamber, 1 bolster. $13 35

Room No. 4. Northwest.

1 bedstead, 2 pair blankets, 1 mattress, 1 feather bed, 2 sheets, 3 quilts, 1 pillow, 1 bolster, 2 curtains, 1 chair, 1 bureau, 1 chamber, 1 trunk, $13 95

No. 5. Hall 2.

2 comforters, 8 new sheets, 6 new pillow cases, 5 sheets, 8 pillow cases, blankets, 1 curtain, $14 25

No. 6. West Attic.

Mop and brush, 4 feather beds, 8 pillows, 1 table, 3 bedsteads, rubber sheet, 4 quilts, 1 spread, 1 traveling bag, 1 sick chair, clothes line, $18 85

No. 7. East Attic.

14 trunks, 1 cot bed, 1 pair andirons, 1 stove, 2 clocks, 1 spittoon, $6 40

No. 8. Entry.

1 table, 1 chair, curtains, $1 25

Contents of Southeast Room.

5 chairs, 4 rockers, 1 table, 1 table cloth, 1 looking glass, 3 curtains and fixtures, 1 stove and coal hod, 1 lamp, 2 nappies, 2 dish pans, set knives and forks, 1 dozen table spoons, 5 plates, 10 cups and saucers, 1 mug, 1 bowl, 1 pitcher. $28 01

Cook Room or Kitchen.

1 salt cellar, 1 tin dish, 1 pepper box, 1 dust., can, cook stove, 1 table, 1 wash dish, tin horn, apple parer, 1 can, 1 lantern, 1 dipper, 1 strainer pail, 3 sad irons, 3 plates, 1 nappy, 1 saucer, 1 bowl, 1 coffee pot, milk pail, wood box, $39 15

Contents of Dining Room.

1 rocker, 3 chairs, 2 lamps, 1 table (small one), 1 curtain, oil cloth, 2 table cloths, oil can, lantern, tin dippers, wash bowl, pail, 1 stove, 3 brooms, wash pan, $13 75

Contents of Pantry.

4 baking tins, sugar box, 2 baking pans, 11 Mason jars, 1 tunnel cullender, 1 steamer, tin dish, 2 flour scoops, 7 pans, 5 bowls, 2 pitchers, spoon holder, sugar bowl, 5 goblets, 11 cups and saucers, set knives and forks, 1 butcher knife, 15 baking plates, 3 meat dishes, 1 mixing bowl, 4 tins, 1 platter, 1 pitcher, 6 tin pans, 1 cooking dish, bread toaster, 5 bread pans, 1 rolling pin, stew pan, 2 bread mixing pans, 1 platter, steam kettle, roast pan, tray, 4 pans, 4 jugs, 1 gallon jug, 1 strainer, 5 dish towels, 5 roller towels, $17 45

Contents of Store Room.

3 wash tubs, snow shovel, 2 screen doors, 3 chairs, 1 clothes basket, 1 clothes rack, 1 wash boiler, 1 wringer, 2 wash boards, 4 baskets, clothes line, 1 peck measure, clothes pins, $13 02

Contents of Entry and Shed.

1 stove, 2 milk pails, tin, 2 wood saws, 1 ladder, 1 lantern, 1 bushel basket, $7 35

Contents of Tramp Room.

Wash dish, 1 dipper, 1 stove, 2 chairs, 12 mattresses, 13 blankets, $20 80

Contents of Carriage and Tool House.

1 watering trough, 1 cart, 1 sled, 1 pung, 1 ladder, 1 bar, 2 steel bars, 3 forks, 1 water pot, bog hoe, 2 six-tine forks, 1 manure puller, 1 wagon jack, 1 spade, 1 long handle spade, 2 chains, 3 stake chains, hay rake, 2 apple headers, 3 hoes, 2 potato forks, 2 bush scythes, 2 corn knives, 2 saws, 2 oil cans, 3 shovels, 1 plane, 1 wrench, 1 compass, 1 rasp, 1 lantern, grindstone, 1 shovel, 1 street blanket, sledge hammer, 1 pick, $64 90

Contents of Barn.

1 harrow, 3 harnesses, 2 girths, 1 surcingle, 9 pails, 1 broom, 1 fork, 4 ladders, 2 plows, 2 cultivators, 1 hay cutter, drag rake, 1 hay wagon, 1 log chain, 1 stone drag, horse rake, 2 whiffletrees, 1 mowing machine, 4 cart wheels, brush, cattle cards, 1 hammer, feed trough, 2 axes, wheelbarrow, 1 chair, $120 70

Amount of appraisal, $429 23

Receipts from Town Farm,

From March 1, 1887, to March 1, 1888.

Received for Apples,	$431 48	
Milk,	754 93	
Potatoes,	20 95	
Peaches,	13 00	
Pork,	16 66	
Calves,	11 00	
Hoop poles,	5 25	
Beef cow,	36 91	
Tomatoes,	40	
Eggs,	20 86	
Berries,	75	
		$1,312 19

Expenditures at the Town Farm

For the Year Ending February 29, 1888.

Axe and helve,	$ 1 00
Acid phosphate,	45
Apple jam,	75
Anguintum,	20
Advertising for warden,	2 00
Barrels,	20 33
Book,	8
Berries,	1 09
Blacksmith bill,	21 15
Boiler,	83
Brushes,	1 23
Butter,	42 09
Brooms,	1 40
Beans,	6 49
Baking powder,	90
Bristol brick,	8
Burner,	10
Camphor,	12
Comb,	12
Cows,	83 00
Coal,	9 95
Cabbage,	30
Clothes line,	37
Composition,	10
Cloth and Clothing,	23 79
Crackers,	21 65
Crockery,	4 80
Cheese,	4 54
Coffee,	4 28
Cream tartar,	1 48
Cocoa,	28
China eggs,	15
Chimney,	28
Door spring,	30
Disinfectant,	20
Evaporated apple,	47
Extracts,	86
Fly powder,	32
Fly paper,	5
Fork,	42
Fish,	13 51
Flour,	32 45
Glasses,	62

Glass,	58
Grain,	326 80
Grass seed,	7 51
Glue,	20
Hoes,	70
Harrow tooth,	75
Hen meat,	14
Hames,	1 25
Ham,	7 14
Iron for rake,	1 65
Iron bars,	2 95
Jars,	1 10
Knives and Forks,	2 00
Kettle,	50
Lettuce,	5
Labor,	5 65
Lemons,	77
Lard,	6 25
Lantern globe,	12
Labor on chimney,	70
Meat,	72 17
Mustard,	20
Mowing machine,	42 00
Molasses,	12 40
Mending boots,	1 46
Matches,	33
Netting,	50
Needles,	7
Nails,	1 45
Nutmegs,	22
Oyster shells,	45
Onions,	30
Oil,	2 26
Oat meal,	45
Paris green,	23
Pigs,	6 50
Phosphate,	13 30
Potatoes,	15 21
Pork,	4 64
Postage,	66
Peas,	95
Pickles,	35
Pins,	8
Pails,	50
Rifle,	10
Rubbers,	50
Rice,	21

Raisins,	1 80
Repairing chimney,	3 75
Rope,	64
Repairing pump,	2 85
Services of W. Bemis,	21 00
" H. C. Scarlet,	366 67
" E. H. Cutler,	40 00
" Luke Blanchard,	40 00
" M. E. Taylor,	12 00
Saleratus,	32
Spoons,	28
Sulphur,	20
Spirit nitre,	16
Scraps,	2 76
Steel Trap,	33
Sperm oil,	38
Sawing lumber,	5 88
Seed potatoes,	5 00
Seed oats,	2 00
Squash,	10
Stove blacking,	30
Sugar,	25 06
Sweet potatoes,	1 50
Shoes,	4 00
Seeds,	1 75
Salt,	1 78
Soap,	5 50
Spices,	63
Starch,	65
Sage,	08
Soapine,	1 00
Salt-petre,	8
Sledge hammer,	2 00
Thread,	43
Tobacco,	10
Turkey,	1 05
Tea,	6 10
Table cloth,	1 60
Turnip,	07
Tacks,	13
Use of oxen,	5 00
Use of bull,	1 50
Vinegar,	1 85
Wick,	01
Watering pot,	1 05
Wheelwright bill,	3 00

Wash board,	30	
Yeast,	57	
Yarn,	42	
		$1,422 61
Expenditures,	$1,422 61	
Receipts,	1,312 19	
Income less than expense,		$ 110 42
Due from treasury to balance account,	$110 42	
Interest on farm,	240 00	
		$ 350 42
Victualing and lodging 75 tramps at 40 cents,		30 00
Cost of supporting poor on farm,		$ 320 42

Whole number of persons, exclusive of tramps, supported in almshouse, 5; average number, 3 1-2; present number, 4.

E. H. CUTLER,
LUKE BLANCHARD,
MOSES E. TAYLOR,
} *Overseers of Poor.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

SCHOOL-YEAR 1887-8.

To the Town of Acton:

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT,

IN BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintendent, in entering upon his duties during the closing weeks of the school year, felt the embarrassments of the situation.

Through the courtesy of the Committee, and the hearty co-operation of the public, the difficulties were in a measure overcome, and the schools, upon the whole, have had a year of peaceful, steady and substantial progress.

All has not been accomplished that could be desired. Many plans, thoughtfully matured in various lines of improvement, yet lack completion. Accidents and failures feared have not been realized, thanks to the discretion of teachers and the second thought of parents.

The pestilence has flaunted its dark wings over our homes, but through a merciful interposition the death angel has departed, leaving the hearthstones unmolested.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The several local committees have endeavored to secure proper attention to the grounds, outbuildings and main structures, deeming it no economy for the town to let these depreciate for the want of timely and judicious expenditures. No large outlay has been required in any district. The present accommodations for the schools are thought to be sufficient for present needs, and are a credit to the generosity of the town.

ATTENDANCE OF SCHOLARS.

The epidemic colds, which have been unusually severe and prevalent, scarlet fever, mumps and measles, which have all been

camping on our grounds, have done their work, making many vacant seats in the busiest hours of study, to the discouragement of the whole educational interest.

With proper allowance for these hindrances, emphasis must still be given to the importance of not losing a single hour from the school routine. Children's whims, parents' conveniences, parties, entertainments, transient discomforts of travel and weather, all have their part to play, but must not imperil the culture of the child who is so soon to enter upon life's mature responsibilities.

The school "days go swifter than a weaver's shuttle," and are gone in the morning, and they are gone not to return.

The agent of the Mass. School Board, in his recent visit, recommended that in estimating the amount of attendance of a scholar, he should be credited only with the time actually present in the school session. If he is dismissed a quarter of an hour after the opening of the school, he should be credited for that half-day 15-180, discredited 165-180, and so through the term and year.

Attention is called to the law of the State which forbids children between the ages of eight and fourteen from working in any of the mills and factories without a certificate from the teacher, that they have attended school at least one hundred days in three terms of ten weeks each.

There is a tacit understanding between the tax payers and the pupil, none the less binding because tacit, that these free and ample accommodations of school room, instruction and text books, shall be acknowledged by a regular and studious improvement of the privileges offered. Any failure here is an injustice to the donors, and they have a right to file their grievance and insist upon more appreciative returns.

The State is discussing the question of compulsory education, and the legislation is more and more towards that conclusion.

The visit of Mr. John T. Prince, State Agent, in February, was a pleasant and healthful episode to the teachers and scholars. After visiting, in company with the Superintendent, all the schools, he spent a half day in an address to the teachers, full of

suggestive hints and profitable criticisms. Cordial thanks were given him for his interview.

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

No change of text books is reported for the year, and there has been a marked falling off in the supply account,—$347.71 against $568.06 the preceding year. The amount for the coming year can hardly be estimated beforehand.

VENTILATION: ATMOSPHERIC AND MENTAL.

The janitor is an important factor in the school arrangements. He should have all his fine senses in full cultivation, so that he can scent an impurity in the air; see a very small pile of dust on desk or floor; feel the temperature of the room without a thermometer; but have one all the same for his reference book, and consult it often. He must have a special fondness for the black diamonds during the zero mornings and nights, and handle them with discretion. He must remember that vigilance is the price of victory every time.

But a janitor's faithful services must be supplemented by the teacher. In the absence of the janitor the teacher is ex-officio master of the situation, and his comfort and success, and that of the school, hangs largely upon the temperature and quality of the air in which the work is done.

No amount of zeal or tact in conducting recitations will overbalance a vitiated atmosphere. One good current of air from the outside world will often settle problems in discipline and in arithmetic all at the same time.

By mental ventilation is meant a clarifying the minds of teachers and pupils by frequent and timely inspirations of good humor and noble sentiment.

Now and then let the mental windows be lifted wide open, and one good gust clear the room of that vile brood of evil surroundings, jealousies, irritations and low ambitions, which so belittle and becloud the mind. These occasional drafts must not, however, be the main dependence of the teacher. He should have about him an air which shall itself be a perpetual ventilation of all the genial elements within his range.

The expression "taking on airs" is not slang. It is not an

Americanism. It has the sanction of classic Greece, two thousand years ago, and it is just as apt for the school-room and the teacher of to-day.

The tone of the teacher among the susceptible minds of the young is pervasive, contagious, influential, and it is the all-important key to the best results.

THE MODEL TEACHER AND HIS REWARDS.

He should be born under the right star and bring his credentials from the skies.

He should have a mind of large volume, stored with the earliest and latest decisions of science.

He should have an eye far-sighted and near-sighted; quick to catch the first signal of disorder, and an ear sensitive to the faintest undertone of rebellion.

He should have a judgment which finds at once the equipoise of justice amid conflicting claims.

He should have an arm ready to fling out the banner of "Excelsior" on the heights, and in the valley the same.

He should have a mother's love and a father's care for the lowliest of his flock.

He should be alert from the first stroke of the bell to its last reverberations.

He should be a martyr in spirit all the time, and a martyr in fact at any time, rather than betray the precious trust committed to his charge.

You ask: Where is he? What is his name? Find him if you can, and hold him fast when found. If you find even one who approaches the standard, be thankful and think twice before parting company. *He has a value above rubies.*

Let not the teacher be discouraged. He has enough to depress the most sanguine temperament. Granted. But he also has enough to inspire the most desponding moment.

He may be arousing an ambition for good which is to make the difference between a citizen whose name the people will never let drop from their loving remembrance, and one whose memorial will only be, that he lived and that he died.

He may be really quarrying from the rough marble the block

destined to stand in the high places of power, when his own dust has gone back to its native dust and his name is forgotten.

The teacher cannot gauge at the time the subtle magic of his looks, and words, and example, but if he stops to think he *knows*, and if he is a man of common sensibility he *feels* that he is doing a work of untold value to the great future.

His words of cheer, his patience, his noble bearing in moments of trial, his fidelity, will not be forgotten, but will have new exhibition in the lives of those whom he loved and taught.

If he knows he is doing the best thing for his pupils, his prohibitions, his reprimands, his earnest pleas, his probing inquiries, his wearisome drills, will have an equivalent in the end.

The time will come when they will thank him, if living, or bless his memory, if dead, because he stood firm, when to yield would have been the easiest course for him, but the fatal one for them.

TEACHERS:

You are irritated to-day; you can hardly refrain from uttering the bitter word of impatience at the constant annoyance which that vicious and heedless youth is giving you as you seek to turn him towards the right. He is the more bent on folly as you ply him again with the higher motives. He taunts you, when he should thank you. You judge your labors more than lost; but distrust that hasty judgment. Repress that impatient thought. Ten years hence that wayward lad may accost you on the streets of some distant city, or greet you in the cars, or call at your door, and with a warm grasp of the hand and a tearful eye, ask your forgiveness for his stupid and unfeeling conduct. He may tell you but for your kind, earnest efforts in his behalf, he would have gone down in ignorance and vice to an unhonored grave. You can afford to wait for these incidental testimonies. They are sure to cross your path and sweeten many a cup which, at the time, you thought to be only bitter.

FELLOW CITIZENS:

No true lover of his country can contemplate the elements which are striving for ascendency in this land, without at times feeling a deep solicitude for the result.

The question which comes back upon us is the old question

which troubled our fathers, and which they have handed down to us as their legacy. Who in this contest between ignorance and culture, between anarchy and order, between organized fraud and organized integrity, is to win ?

Shall the dear old flag of the past remain the symbol of constitutional, stable, enlightened freedom, or shall it be trailed in the dust as the synonym of shattered hopes and basest crimes ?

Potent among the agencies which have saved the nation thus far, potent among the agencies which are to save the nation in the coming conflicts, is the teacher's humble work.

In great crises the men and women who have been taught and disciplined in our schools have been the ones to stand in the surging waters, and tide the ship of state over and through the breakers.

Let us idealize in our minds the future of America, as the best desires and hopes of patriotism and intelligence would give it, and then let us be content to have a part, however humble, in assuring to unborn millions this grand and happy fruition.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The school has remained in charge of Mr. A. W. Armstrong during the year. He has performed his duties as Principal with a growing interest in his work, and with marked improvement in methods of discipline and instruction. Monthly written tests, applied to the whole school, have been a stimulus to better scholarship and more studious habits.

The written test given to the candidates for admission to the school in June, was not only a great advantage to the grade of the High School, but also to the grade of all the other schools in town.

Nearly fifty per cent. of the 29 applicants failed to reach the required standard. Those not admitted have continued their studies in the Grammar school, and the prospect now is that the candidates next June will be older, more numerous, and better qualified than those of the preceding year.

The average age of those admitted in June was 13 1-2, making them on an average nearly 17 at the completion of a three years' course.

The first thought of the Committee, after the decision of the town in the spring, was that no admissions could be granted. Upon further consideration, a unanimous conclusion of the Board was reached that it would be an injustice to these applicants to give them no chance for a trial when they had reached the age and qualifications required, for the sake of those who proposed to continue on a four years' course with separate lines of study in Latin and French.

If an assistant had been provided these special privileges could be granted, but without one it did not seem practicable to the Committee, or just to the masses. This conclusion was reached without knowing who the three pupils concerned were.

Some say reduce the school to twenty-five and the difficulty is solved, and these advanced courses can be taken. That depends upon the classification of the school. Twelve scholars, if not properly graded, will involve difficulties which no teacher can match, and give proper time in the brief school day to each recitation, while forty scholars can be easily handled and have ample time for each class, when the proper grade is secured. Here is the advantage and justice of the graded system.

Again, some say: "Abolish the High School, and let these higher branches revert back to the Grammar department." This proposition only complicates and multiplies the difficulties.

Granted that the demand for these higher branches must be met, how can these High school scholars be dispersed among the districts, and take their three years' course with them, and leave anything but fragments for the Grammar and Intermediate scholars?

Who have the first claim upon the generosity of the citizens if not those who are studying the fundamental branches in our Primary, Intermediate and Grammar departments?

One of the main arguments for the High School, in the way of economy and fairness, is that it protects the other departments from this intrusion of the higher branches, and gives the teacher time and nerve to deal fitly with his younger scholars.

The graduating exercises in June, in the Town Hall, showed the intense interest of the public in the school, and were a happy

omen of good things to come. The programme is printed as a memento of the occasion.

PROGRAMME.

CLASS MOTTO, 1887: "AIM AT THE HIGHEST."

MUSIC, - - - - - -
PRAYER, - - - - Rev. Mr. KNOWLTON.
SALUTATORY AND ESSAY, - BERTHA H. DUPEE.
"Despise not Small Beginnings."
HISTORY, - - ERNEST E. WETHERBEE.
MUSIC, - - - - -
ESSAY, - - - - BERTHA E. HOSMER.
"By-ways and Nooks of Acton."
ESSAY, - - - SADIE E. SAWYER.
"Abilities without Exercise cannot Ensure Success."
MUSIC, - - - - - -
ESSAY, - - - ALBERTINE M. PRESTON.
"Suffer no Part of Life to Remain Unimproved."
ESSAY, - - - SUSIE E. CONANT.
"What Girls can Do."
MUSIC, - - - - -
ESSAY, - - - ERNEST E. WETHERBEE.
"Science and Art."
ESSAY, - - - - HATTIE L. TUTTLE.
"Lift the Latch."
MUSIC, - - - - - -
VALEDICTORY, - - - ALBERTINE M. PRESTON.
MUSIC, - - - - - -
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS, - BY SUPERINTENDENT.

The three years' course is also appended, as now adopted, subject to changes which may hereafter be made, according to the judgment of the Committee and the light of experience.

THREE YEARS' COURSE OF HIGH SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR.

First Term.—Arithmetic and Book-keeping alternating. Eng. Grammar and Composition. General History.

Second Term.—Arithmetic and Book-keeping alternating. Eng. Grammar and Composition. General History.

Third Term.—Arithmetic and Book-keeping alternating. Rhetoric begun. Botany.

SECOND YEAR.

First Term.—Algebra begun. Rhetoric continued. Physiology.

Second Term.—Algebra continued. Eng. Literature begun. Physics begun.

Third Term.—Geometry begun. Eng. Literature continued. Physics continued.

THIRD YEAR.

First Term.—Geometry continued. Latin begun. Chemistry begun.

Second Term.—Civil Government. Latin continued. Chemistry continued.

Third Term.—Physical Geography. Latin continued. Geology.

Four recitations in each branch per week.

Wednesday an off day, with a different programme, including Compositions, Declamations, Reading, Spelling, Drawing, and other miscellaneous recitations as shall be deemed most important at the time.

THE CENTRE SCHOOL.

Grammar Department.

Miss Fannie L. Perry, - - Teacher.

The school has counted more in results than in numbers. Owing to change in residence and transient causes the membership of the school has been less than in some years. Yet the rare experience, tact and quiet efficiency of the instruction has compensated. The scholars have made rapid and thorough advancement in all branches of knowledge and done it happily to their own credit and that of the Teacher.

Primary Department.

Miss Bessie M. Ball, - - - Teacher.

The same felicity and fervor in the management of the school which have been noted in former years still remain. The

hum of busy and cheery work goes on the same in storm and in sunshine. The day's routine is a pastime, but it is more. Good thorough scholarship is obtained in the essential rudiments which are the basis of progress in the higher studies.

THE NORTH SCHOOL.

Mr. Joseph W. Godfrey has remained in charge through the year. Sprightliness, cleanliness and a rapid succession of classes is the usual programme. More time is needed for thorough drill in the elementary branches. The teacher labors diligently and fervently and has at heart the best interests of the school, and it is always a pleasure to look in upon the happy company.

THE EAST SCHOOL.

Spring Term.

Miss Minnia E. Tenney, - - Teacher.

She spared no efforts to make the school a success. She was a good, faithful scholar herself, and had enjoyed the advantages of Normal training and some experience in teaching. She met with discouragements in the classification and tone of the school. At the end of the term the public examination showed her labors had not been in vain. A very gratifying programme was presented to the visitors, and complimentary remarks were made by gentlemen from Littleton and the Committee.

Fall and Winter Term.

Miss Susie A. Wetherbee, - - Teacher.

There seemed to be a mutual congratulation between teacher, pupils, committee, and parents upon the return of Miss Wetherbee to her old stand. She has taken up the reins of government with a firm hand, and the scholars have yielded to her guidance apparently saying, "only steer to some sure station and we will gladly bow to your nod." Real progress has been made. The tests given show it. What is needed in this, and all our schools, is the same,—Drill, drill, drill; crosswise, up and down, around about, here a little, there a good deal, and some more afterwards. The multiplication table, and all the other tables, must be so in-

corporated in the mind that they cannot drop out, or be shaken from their moorings, though fire, music and the blizzard all combine to disturb their equilibrium.

THE SOUTHEAST SCHOOL.

Miss Laura A. Brown, - - - Teacher.

The school was fortunate in being able to retain the services of one so well equipped by experience, natural and acquired resources, and a disposition to spend and be spent, for the good of her pupils. The membership of the school, though variable, has made some advance. Let the full co-operation of parents, pupils and committee continue, and the months to come, like the months that are gone, will be full of blessing to all concerned.

THE SOUTH SCHOOL.

Grammar Department.

Miss Fannie Houghton, - - Teacher.

Order combined with agreeable ease and natural freedom, here meet in harmony. The teacher is an enthusiast in her profession, and the scholars are not slow to meet her half way, and join hands for good work. No drones in the hive? Yes, one or two, and notice is hereby posted; let them take warning. The truant officer has been appointed, with full powers to clear the premises, if necessary. The desks are too good for any but studious and obedient occupants. It is but a few miles to the Reform School, and railroad conveyance at that. The break of two weeks in mid-winter, from sickness, was well covered, and the different classes are in good position for the next campaign.

Primary Department.

Miss Viola S. Tuttle, - - - Teacher.

A year of earnest primary work by one who knows how to do it, and does it, is reported, and this would not be if the scholars had not said yes. The latest methods which experience has tested and sanctioned, have been tried and the verdict is, "Better try it again." The discouragements of the winter were bravely met by the little sufferers, and the singing of birds is at hand.

WEST ACTON.

Grammar Department.

Miss Sarah Hopkinson, - - Teacher.

This is the largest Grammar School in town, requiring all kinds of ability and graces in its successful management. Miss Hopkinson has encountered difficulties peculiar to the situation, and has met them in a brave, heroic spirit, and if she has not accomplished all that her ambition has sought, she has accomplished what has laid the committee and the district under lasting obligation. The methods of instruction have been thorough, the order good, and the progress in the different branches satisfactory. The scholars stand the tests, however put, orally or by written examination in a creditable manner. Let there be mutual understanding and charitable judgments between scholars, teacher, parents and committee and a hearty co-operation of all, for the happiest issue.

Primary Department.

Miss C. Lettie Newton, - - Teacher.

The past commendations of this school and teacher, bear repeating and that is perhaps enough to be said. Let the good work go on.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FLETCHER, *Superintendent.*

FINANCIAL REPORT.

To the Town of Acton:

Your School Committee hereby submit their report of the expenses of the schools in town, by districts; said expenses covering salaries of teachers, the cost of fuel, and care of school buildings.

JAMES FLETCHER,
CHARLES J. WILLIAMS,
GEORGE R. KEYES,
WILLIAM S. JONES,
ANSON C. PIPER,
CHARLES H. MEAD.

Centre District.

Paid Rev. James Fletcher for teachers,		$700 00	
" "	care of house,	68 45	
" "	fuel,	80 06	
" "	incidentals,	3 20	
" "	cleaning school, rooms,	2 78	
			$854 49

West District.

Paid C. H. Mead for teachers,		$700 00	
" "	care of house,	78 17	
" "	fuel,	28 42	
" "	incidentals,	4 21	
" "	cleaning school-rooms,	6 40	
			$817 20

South District.

Paid Anson C. Piper for teachers,		$700 00	
" "	care of house,	90 25	
" "	fuel,	45 35	
" "	cleaning school-rooms,	2 25	
" "	incidentals,	3 78	
			$841 63

North District.

Paid George R. Keyes for teachers,	$338 00		
" " fuel,	67 97		
" " care of house,	23 50		
" " cleaning school-rooms,	3 00		
" " incidentals,	73		
			$433 20

East District.

Paid C. J. Williams for teachers	$338 00		
" " care of house,	31 70		
" " fuel,	48 12		
" " incidental,	1 60		
			$419 42

Southeast District.

Paid W. S. Jones for teachers,	$315 00		
" " fuel,	38 53		
" " care of house,	17 00		
			$370 53

High School.

Paid C. H. Mead,	$240 00		
" " care of house,	12 00		
" " use of organ,	5 00		
" " fuel,	4 00		
George Gardner for rent of piano and music for graduating exercises,	11 04		
George Gardner for rent of organ,	6 00		
A. W. Armstrong for teaching,	480 00		
Rev. James Fletcher, care of house,	8 00		
" " fuel,	4 00		
Anson C. Piper care of house,	15 00		
" " fuel,	10 00		
" " rent of organ,	5 00		
			$800 04

School Supplies.

Paid T. F. Newton,	$14 62		
C. H. Mead,	321 19		
Rev. James Fletcher,	11 90		
			$347 71

TABULAR STATEMENT FOR 1887-88.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Length of School in Weeks.	Whole number of Scholars.	Average Membership.	Average attendance.	Under 5 years.	Over 5 years.	Over 15 years.	Between 8 and 14 years.
Acton High, .	A. W. Armstrong,	36	47	40.3	36	0	47	38	9
Centre Grammar,	Miss Fannie L. Perry,	35	18	15	13.3	0	18	1	18
Centre Primary,	‘ Bessie M. Ball,	35	24	19	16	1	18	0	15
South Grammar,	“ Fannie M. Houghton,	35	32	28	24.7	0	32	1	31
South Primary,	“ Viola S. Tuttle,	35	43	32.1	27.7	0	43	0	22
West Grammar,	“ Sarah Hopkinson,	35	42	35.87	33.98	0	42	4	38
West Primary,	“ C. Lettie Newton,	35	45	42.5	38.5	1	44	0	17
North, . .	Joseph W. Godfrey,	35	31	23	2.22	0	35	2	20
East, . .	Miss Susie A. Wetherbee,	35	32	26.5	22.5	0	32	1	20
South East, .	“ Laura A. Brown,	35	23	17	13.2	1	22	0	23

Number between 5 and 15 years, as reported by the Assessors for the year 1887, 269.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. MIDDLESEX, ss.

To either constable of the Town of Acton, in said country, GREETING:

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify the legal voters of said Town of Acton, to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday, the second day of April, A. D. 1888, at 1 o'clock P. M., by posting copies of this warrant, by you attested, at the Post Office, at the centre of the town, also, at the stores of Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, Mead & Stone, and Isaac W. Flagg, at the Magog House and in all the railroad stations in said town seven days at least before the time appinted for said meeting, then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To fill all vacancies in the list of town officers.

ART. 3. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the Support of Schools the present year, and how it shall be expended.

ART. 4. To see what amount of money the town will raise to repair the Roads the present year, and how it shall be expended.

ART. 5. To see what amount of money the town will raise to defray Town Charges for the present year.

ART. 6. To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 7. To see if the town will choose a Superintendent of Burials.

ART. 8. To consider and act upon the acceptance of the Jury List as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to accept the reports

of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and other town officers.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town, if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.

Art. 11. To vote by ballot Yes or No, in answer to the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town the present year?

Art. 12. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to finish off a room in the lower story of the town house and build a fire proof vault or safe in connection therewith.

Art. 13. To see if the town will prohibit the use of fire crackers.

Art. 14. To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen to report at this meeting.

Art. 15. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to prohibit coasting and ball playing on the public highways.

Art. 16. To see if the town will appropriate and pay Geo. M. Pike $125.00 for his re-enlistment on Acton quota as a veteran in the late war, or take any action thereon.

Art. 17. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for Memorial Day, or take any action thereon.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant to us with your doings thereon at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of March in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight.

J. W. DUPEE,
T. F. NOYES,
H. B. WHITE,
} *Selectmen of Acton.*

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1888.

Selectmen.

J. W. Dupee, Thomas F. Noyes, Howard B. White.

Town Clerk.

William D. Tuttle.

Assessors.

Phineas Wetherbee, J. W. Dupee, Chauncy B. Robbins.

Overseers of the Poor.

Elisha H. Cutler, Lyman C. Taylor, (One Vacancy.)

School Committee.

Rev. James Fletcher and Anson C. Piper for 3 years.
Charles J. Williams and George R. Keyes for 2 years.
William S. Jones and one vacancy for 1 year.

Highway Surveyors.

Charles Wheeler and Nahum Littlefield.

Cemetery Committee.

John Fletcher, Wm. W. Davis, Levi W. Stevens.

Fence Viewers.

Nahum C. Reed, O. W. Mead Francis Hosmer.

Surveyors of Lumber.

Wm. B. Davis, E. F. Richardson, L. W. Stevens,
Geo. H. Harris, E. J. Robbins, Herbert T. Clark,
Jona. P. Fletcher, Chas. A. Brooks.

Surveyors of Wood.

Wm. B. Davis, Geo. H. Harris, Solomon L. Dutton,
Isaac W. Flagg, Chas. H. Taylor, John F. Davis,
Herbert T. Clark, Henry D. Parlin, Chas. H. Mead,
Chas. J. Williams, Jona. P. Fletcher.

Surveyors of Hoops and Staves.

David M. Handley, Augustus Fletcher.

Collector for 1887.

John E. Cutter.

Treasurer for 1887.

J. K. W. Wetherbee.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON,

FROM

February 26, 1888, to February 26, 1889.

ACTON :
THE ENTERPRISE STEAM JOB PRINT.
1889.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Acton in Account with J. K. W. Wetherbee, Treasurer.

1889.	*Dr*		
Feb. 26.	To cash paid, State tax,	$1,665 00	
	" " County tax,	934 27	
	" " on Selectmen's orders,	14,442 13	
	" Outstanding orders,	1,226 36	
	" Balance due the town,	1,865 83	
			$20,133 59

1888.	*Cr.*		
Feb. 26.	By Balance in the treasury,	$799 56	
Received of	Town of Harvard for aid furnished Barzillai Lawrence,	17 00	
	City of Lowell, for aid furnished William R. Davis,	51 28	
	Chapel Society, rent of school room to April 1, 1888,	33 00	
	John Fletcher, for lots sold in Woodlawn Cemetery,	45 00	
	L. W. Stevens, for lots sold in Mt. Hope Cemetery,	38 00	
	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	808 96	
	State Treasurer, National bank tax,	560 29	
	State Treasurer, State aid, chap. 252, acts of 1879,	138 00	
	State Treasurer, State aid, chap. 301, acts of 1879,	142 00	
	State Treasurer, income Mass. school fund,	158 54	
	State Treasurer, revenue Mass. school fund,	142 57	

County Treasurer, on account of Dog licenses for the year 1888,	$218 83	
Varnum Tuttle, borrowed money,	1894 80	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, borrowed money,	421 45	
Julian Tuttle, rent of Town hall and cellar,	80 72	
Julian Tuttle, for old iron sold	8 15	
J. E. Cutter, for taxes of 1887,	1,448 13	
A. F. Blanchard, for taxes of 1888,	13,047 22	
Interest on money in Bank,	80 09	
		$20,133 59

J. K. W. WETHERBEE, *Treasurer of Acton.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Center District.

Paid Rev. James Fletcher, for teachers,	$720 00		
" " care of house,	67 62		
" " fuel,	48 33		
" " cleaning rooms,	3 87		
" " incidentals,	9 45		
			$849 27

West District.

Paid A. A. Wyman, Esq., for teachers,	$720 00		
" " care of house,	78 00		
" " fuel,	63 94		
" " cleaning rooms,	5 00		
			$866 94

South District.

Paid A. C. Piper, for teachers,	$720 00		
" " care of house,	90 00		
" " fuel,	53 72		
" " cleaning rooms,	4 05		
" " incidentals,	3 75		
			$871 52

North District.

Paid G. R. Keyes, for teachers,	$360 00		
" " care of house,	24 50		
" " fuel,	38 12		
" " incidentals,	43		
			$423 05

East District.

Paid C. J. Williams, for teachers,	$360 00		
" " care of house	36 00		
" " fuel,	52 82		
			$448 82

South-East District.

Paid W. S. Jones, for teachers,	$324 00	
" " care of house,	15 00	
" " fuel,	26 38	
" " cleaning rooms,	2 00	
" " incidentals,	1 42	
		$368 80

High School.

Paid A. W. Armstrong, for teaching,	$720 00	
" " fuel,	25 00	
A. A. Wyman, Esq., cleaning school rooms,	3 00	
A. C. Piper, moving school room furniture,	1 50	
Geo. Gardner, rent of piano,	10 00	
" " rent ot organ,	15 00	
" " moving organ,	1 00	
" " care of rooms,	34 00	
		$809 50

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid C. H. Mead,	$27 08	
Rev. James Fletcher,	350 88	
Geo. Gardner, for music,	1 36	
		$379 32

PRINTING.

Paid J. F. Wood, for 500 sheet reports,	$10 00	
" " 600 book reports,	69 50	
" " town warrants,	9 50	
" " reward notices,	1 50	
" " voting lists,	8 25	
H. S. Turner, for poll tax lists	9 00	
Agustine Hosmer, for notices,	60	
" " treasurer's orders,	1 65	
W. D. Tuttle, getting posters printed,	1 33	
		$111 33

STATE AID.

Paid Benjamin Skinner, chap. 252, acts 1879,	$96 00	
Ola Nelson, " "	48 00	
Allen G. Smith, " "	60 00	
Richard G. Dane, chap. 301, acts 1879,	60 00	
Luke Smith, " "	48 00	

Mrs. Mary Smith, chap. 301, acts 1879,		$48 00	
Rebecca C. Wright,	" "	48 00	
W. F. B. Whitney,	" "	15 00	
Mary J. Brown,	" "	18 00	
			$441 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Luke Blanchard, deficiency on Town Farm, 1887,	$110 42	
E. H. Cutler, for cows bought for Town Farm in 1888,	206 00	
E. H. Cutler, support of Clara Wheeler,	169 92	
" " " A. L. Brooks,	131 85	
" " " Frank Brooks,	28 32	
" " balance on support of E. Bergendahl,	46	
E. H. Cutler, aid furnished W. R. Davis,	51 28	
" " " E. F. Town,	137 00	
" " " Redding family,	25 00	
E. H. Cutler, aid furnished Mrs. Marshal Jones,	121 42	
E. H. Cutler, aid furnished Mrs. Ruth Pike,	52 00	
E. H. Cutler, aid furnished J. E. Harris,	126 36	
" " " Elijah Bryan,	28 71	
" " " Mrs. John Quinlan,	93 77	
E. H. Cutler, aid furnished Mrs. Abbie Sibley,	59 75	
E. H. Cutler, aid furnished Mrs. Russell,	22 67	
E. H. Cutler, aid furnished Nancy A. Whitcomb,	8 00	
E. H. Cutler, looking up case of J. H. Whitney,	4 68	
E. H. Cutler, expenses to Lowell respecting E. Bryan,	1 50	
E. H. Cutler, expenses to Westford respecting Wm. Piper,	2 00	
E. H. Cutler, expenses to Marlboro respecting Mrs. Marshal Jones,	1 50	
E. H. Cutler, expenses to Rockbottom respecting Mrs. Marshal Jones,	1 00	
E. H. Cutler, expenses to Mansfield, re-		

specting Frank Brooks,	4 00	
E. H. Cutler, postage,	1 39	
" " aid furnished Mrs. Trainor	76 26	
		$1,465 26

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid North Acton Granite Co., cutting date on tomb in Mount Hope cemetery,	$8 00	
L. W. Stevens, labor in Mount Hope Cemetery,	58 85	
Nathan Johnson, labor in North Acton Cemetery,	5 00	
Nathan Johnson, labor in Woodlawn Cemetery,	50 20	
John Fletcher, repairs on pump in Woodlawn Cemetery,	40	
John Fletcher, trimming trees in Woodlawn Cemetery,	1 50	
Wm. D. Tuttle, laying out lots,	1 75	
		$125 70

EXPENSES OF ROADS AS LAID OUT BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Paid M. A. Reed and Julian Tuttle, for laying wall on Littleton road,	$28 00	
M. A. Reed and Julian Tuttle, drilling and blasting on Littleton road,	10 00	
Nahum Littlefield, labor on Littleton road,	211 60	
Chas. Wheeler, labor on Littleton road,	131 47	
H. T. Clark, award of damages,	50 00	
A. W. Gardner, " "	15 00	
E. Hall, " "	125 00	
Amasa Knowlton, " "	5 00	
W. T. Mason, " "	100 00	
W. S. Mead, " "	100 00	
A. W. Gardner, moving wall to new lines of road,	70 81	
E. Hall, moving fence to new lines of road,	15 00	
Amasa Knowlton, moving fence to new lines of road,	10 00	
Dep. sheriff H. C. Sherwin, services on Hall road,	10 10	
		$881 98

EXPENSES ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Chas. Wheeler, regular highway work Center division,	$601	70
Nahum Littlefield, regular highway work, West division.	616	15
Chas. Wheeler, regular highway work, South division,	250	91
Nahum Littlefield, regular highway work South division,	361	70
Tuttles, Jones and Wetherbee, breaking out roads,	23	08
J. W. Dupee, breaking out roads,	24	56
J. F. Jones, " "	2	00
A. C. Piper, " "	4	35
Abel Cole, " "	7	68
Francis Pratt, " "	20	30
Nahum Littlefield, " "	23	35
A. L. Tuttle, " "	16	35
J. P. Tenny, " "	4	00
Chas. Wheeler, " "	72	26
J. E. Cutter, " "	32	00
E. Jones, " "	2	48
F. H. Whitcomb, " "	26	25
A. H. Jones, breaking out roads and repairing washouts,	26	77
Chas. Wheeler, repairing washouts, South division,	48	12
Chas. Wheeler, repairing washouts Center division,	60	50
Nahum Littlefield, repairing washouts,	23	25
Abel Cole, repairing culvert,		50
American Powder Mills, repairing washouts,	2	50
A. H. Jones, repairing road and bridge,	6	60
F. R. Knowlton, for gravel used in 1887.	1	70
F. R. Knowlton, gravel,	6	35
E. F. Conant, "	4	50
F. D. K. Hoar, "	4	05
Chas. Wheeler, "	20	81
Thomas McCarthy, for stone and labor on powder mill bridge,	13	00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, for drain pipe for sluice near Hall's mill,	27	12
Nahum Littlefield, building cesspool and sluice,	9	00

Paid Nahum Littlefield, freight on drain pipe,		$1 56	
E. Jones & Co., for hard pine plank for bridge at East Acton,		64 35	
Chas. Wheeler, labor on bridge at East Acton,		7 28	
J. P. Brown, iron work for sluice,		96	
S. Jones, Jr., labor on sluice,		1 37	
E. Jones & Co., lumber and nails,		2 10	
Nahum Littlefield, covering stone,		1 00	
" " powder and fuse,		6 85	
" " blacksmith's bill,		11 61	
Chas. Wheeler, repairing scraper,		75	
" " powder and fuse,		5 10	
" " stone,		3 00	
" " blacksmith's bill,		9 13	
" " scraper pole,		3 50	
" " 2 stone picks,		1 75	
" " 3 rakes,		1 35	
" " 2 handles,		50	
" " lumber,		24	
" " repairing plow,		50	
" " plow handle,		1 75	
			$2468 54

REPAIRS ON TOWN BUILDINGS.

Paid C. J. Williams, repairs East schoolhouse,	$35 04	
C. J. Williams, outside window for East schoolhouse,	14 70	
Horace R. Hosmer, repairs on the East schoolhouse,	5 10	
L. U. Holt, pump and tubing for East schoolhouse,	9 10	
L. U. Holt, labor on pump at East schoolhouse,	3 50	
L. U. Holt, labor and repairs on stove, East school-house,	5 15	
A. C. Piper, putting partition in basement South school-house,	14 60	
Francis Jones, painting in South school-house,	5 88	
A. C. Piper, repairs and grading at South school-house,	14 47	
L. U. Holt, repairs on stove at South school-house,	3 75	
W. S. Jones, outhouse and vault for Southeast school-house,	15 00	

Paid W. S. Jones, for repairs on Southeast school-house,	$2 57		
Francis Jones, for painting in Southeast school-house,	2 58		
G. R. Keyes, repairs on North school-house,	5 73		
A. A. Wyman, for new seats and setting up the same in West school-house,	27 00		
A. A. Wyman, for repairs on West school-house,	32 37		
Rev. James Fletcher, repairs and grading at Center school-house,	30 11		
			$226 65

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Phineas Wetherbee, services as Assessor,	$ 40 00		
J. W. Dupee, " "	25 00		
C. B. Robbins, " "	25 00		
L. U. Holt, sealing weights and measures,	10 00		
C. B. Stone, services as Registrar of voters to Oct. 1, 1888,	12 00		
Spofford Robbins, services as Registrar of voters pro tem,	2 00		
J. C. Cutter, collecting taxes for 1887,	90 00		
Rev. James Fletcher, services as Supt. of schools,	125 00		
J. K. W. Wetherbee, services as Treas.,	45 00		
Wm. D. Tuttle, services as Registrar of voters to May 1, 1888,	15 00		
Wm. D. Tuttle, services as Town Clerk,	25 00		
J. W. Dupee, services as Selectman,	85 00		
T. F. Noyes, " "	45 00		
Howard B. White, services as Selectman,	45 00		
			$589 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Nathan Johnson, repairing pump,	$ 1 25		
F. R. Knowlton, for Memorial day,	125 00		
E. Jones & Co., coal for Town Hall,	28 31		
Garfield & Co., painting and lettering guide boards,	4 50		
Francis Jones, painting guide board,	75		
Thomas McCarthy, stone guide post,	2 55		
" " 18 bound stones,	7 65		

Paid Chas. Wheeler, for teaming and setting bound stones at West Acton and Powder mills,	$11	85
Nathan Johnson, labor on monument grounds,	2	50
Nathan Johnson, labor on monument,	1	50
" " repairing flag,		60
" " flag rope and putting up same,	3	50
L. E. Reed, attending 24 burials,	72	00
" " services at Magog pond, per order of Fish Commissioners.	3000	
Mrs. L. A. Melone, reward for securing conviction of illegal sale of liquors.	50	00
J. E. Cutter, summoning 16 persons to take the oath of office.	2	00
James Kinsley, use of road for Hurley,	8	50
Phineas Wetherbee, expenses to get poll tax lists printed,	1	25
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 3 Assessors' books,	1	12
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, Tax Collector's book,	1	25
Dr. C. B. Saunders, services in Board of Health case of Mrs. Bancroft,	2	25
Dr. A. C. Livermore, services in Board of Health case of Mrs. Bancroft.	2	50
Dr. C. B. Saunders, reporting 45 births to town clerk,	11	25
Heirs of Jonathan Wheeler, lease of gravel bank for 25 years,	46	26
J. E. Cutter, abatement on C. L. Heywood est., tax for 1886.	10	92
J. E. Cutter, abatement on C. L. Heywood est., tax for 1887,	13	26
J. E. Cutter, abatements on taxes of 1887, as certified by the Assessors.	106	10
A. F. Blanchard, abatement on C. L. Heywood est., tax for 1888,	12	48
A. F. Blanchard, abatement on Henry Haynes tax,	1	00
A. F. Blanchard, abatements for 1888 as certified by the Assessors.	34	00
A. F. Blanchard, discount on taxes for 1888,	736	80

Paid M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies for town hall,	$12 32	
Julian Tuttle, 1 cord wood for town hall,	5 00	
" " care of town hall and clock,	58 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, for record book,	30	
" " expense of getting voting lists printed.	1 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, surveying and making deed of Wheeler heirs' gravel pit.	3 50	
Wm. D. Tuttle, for express,	1 85	
" " postage and stationery,	2 03	
" " recording 24 deaths,	4 40	
" " " 13 marriages,	1 95	
" " collecting and recording 40 births,	20 00	
L. E. Reed, making 22 returns of deaths,	5 50	
A. F. Blanchard, abatements as certified by the Assessors,	29 06	
		$1477 31

TEMPORARY LOANS PAID.

Paid Mrs. Angie D. Hill, note and interest,	$445 77	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, " "	424 61	
Varnum Tuttle, " "	1981 64	
		$2852 02

BOUNTY TAX REFUNDED.

Paid Mrs. Sybil Miller,	$4 88	
A. C. Handley,	6 16	
Handley & Hosmer,	1 44	
		$12 48

RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance in treasury Feb. 26, 1888,	$799 56	
due from collector of taxes, Feb. 26, 1888,	1448 10	
Appropriation for town charges,	5000 30	
support of schools,	4100 00	
for roads.	1800 00	
overlayings,	279 72	
State tax,	1665 00	
County tax,	934 27	

Rec'd of Varnum Tuttle, borrowed money,	$1894	80
J. K. W. Wetherbee, " "	421	45
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	808	96
" " National bank tax,	560	29
" " State Aid, acts '79, chap. 252,	138	00
" " State Aid, acts '79, chap. 301,	142	00
" " income Mass. school fund,	158	54
" " revenue from Mass. school fund,	142	57
County treasurer, dog fund,	218	83
Chapel society, rent of school-room to April 1, 1888,	33	00
L. W. Stevens, lots sold in Mount Hope cemetery,	38	00
John Fletcher, lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery,	45	60
Interest on money in bank,	80	00
Julian Tuttle, rent of Town Hall and cellar,	80	72
Town of Harvard, for aid furnished Barzillia Lawrence,	17	00
City of Lowell, for aid furnished to William R. Davis,	51	28
Julian Tuttle, old iron sold,	8	15
		$20,865 36

EXPENDITURES.

For Center school,	$849	27
West School,	866	94
South school,	871	52
North school,	423	05
East school,	448	82
Southeast school,	368	80
High school,	809	50
School supplies,	379	32
Printing,	111	33
State Aid,	441	00
Support of poor,	1465	26
Cemetery expenses,	125	70
Roads ordered by Co. Commissioners,	881	98
Roads and bridges,	2468	54

For Repairs on town buildings,	$226 65	
Town officers,	589 00	
Miscellaneous,	1477 31	
Temporary loan paid,	2852 02	
Bounty tax refunded,	12 48	
State tax,	1665 00	
County tax,	934 27	
		$18,267 76
Balance due from collector,	731 77	
due from treasurer,	1865 83	
Balance in favor of the town,		2597 60
		$20,865 36

JOB W. DUPEE,
THOMAS F. NOYES,
HOWARD B. WHITE,
Selectmen of Acton.

ACTON, FEB. 27, 1889.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR 1888.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACTON IN 1888.

No.	Date of Birth.		Name of Child.	Names of parents.
1.	Jan.	1.	James William,	son of Frank and Margaret Moan.
2.	Jan.	2.	In Passadena, Cal., Raymond Franklin,	son of J. Edward and Susie E. Durkee.
3.	Jan.	7.	Grace Florence,	daughter of Wm. and Charlotte E. Barnes.
4.	Jan.	12.	Harry Olin,	son of Wm. H. and Lora M. Hartwell.
5.	Feb.	8.	Helen Winifred,	daughter of Edgar H. and Angie Hall.
6.	Feb.	24.	Guy Edward,	son of Norman A. and M. Alice Davidson.
7.	Mar.	9.	Arthur Frederic,	son of Olin L. and Mary J. Wright.
8.	Mar.	13.	Earle Frank,	son of Walter E. and Nettie F. Hayward.
9.	May	10.	Sarah Etta,	daughter of Amos H. and Etta C. Hayward.
10.	May	16.	Richard Francis,	son of James and Annie Kinsley.
11.	May	24.	Carroll A. M.,	son of George B. and Carrie B. Gowen.
12.	June	21.	Ethel Florence,	daughter of Frank H. and Ellen M. Thompson.
13.	July	7.	Harold Stanley,	son of Frank R. and Emma S. Knowlton.
14.	July	9.	Joseph,	son of Sevior and May Grace Mahony.
15.	July	17.	Ruth Frances,	daughter of Nathan F. and Adelle E. Derby.
16.	Aug.	2.	Roswel,	son of George W. and Sarah E. Stearns.
17.	Aug.	18.	Benjamin Harrison,	son of Thomas J. and Kate Sawyer.
18.	Aug.	27.	Wilbert Melvin,	son of William and Catherine A. Tucker.
19.	Aug.	27.	Alonzo,	son of Allen and Bessie Leonard.
20.	Sept.	19.	Carl Edward,	son of Edward and Ora Anna Willis.
21.	Sept.	20.	Percy Leroy,	son of John W. and Eliza Jane Hudson.
22.	Sept.	20.	Carl Roland,	son of Samuel, Jr. and Emma E. Jones.
23.	Oct.	5.	May Belle,	daughter of John and Anna M. Maynes.
24.	Oct.	10.	Arthur Roland,	son of Roswell L. and Anna B. Tuttle.
25.	Oct.	17.	Benjamin F. B.,	son of Fredson P. and Mattie M. Brooks.
26.	Oct.	20.	Gertie Alma,	daughter of James A. and Nettie Fowler.
27.	Oct.	24.	Charles Herbert,	son of Byron W. and Hattie Belle Austin.
28.	Oct.	30.	———	a daughter to Charles H. and Hannah R. Clark.
29.	Nov.	2.	Sarah Lizzie,	daughter of Thomas and Maria C. Scanlan.

30. Nov. 8. ——— a daughter to Charles B. and Lizzie S. Sanders.
31. Nov. 13 Clarence Warren, son of Wm G. and Sarah R. Brown.
32. Nov. 20. Ruth Jane, daughter of James B. and Mary A. Wheeler.
33. Nov. 24. Ada Elizabeth, daughter of Wm. O. and Elizabeth J. Banks.
34. Nov. 25. Marion Celeste, daughter of S. Hammond and Mary B. Taylor.
25. Nov. 28. John, son of Michael and Mary Welch.
36. Dec. 5. Bess Josephine, daughter of Wedster C. and Amelia H. Robbins.
37. Dec. 5. A son to Hattie Mabel Hall.
38. Dec. 10. Bertha Frances, daughter of Frederic W. and Catherine M. Greene.
39. Dec. 12. Antoinette Ammidown, daughter of Franklin D. and Lucietta Barker.
40. Dec. 25. Lawrence William, son of Frederic G. and Mary Ann Jones.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN ACTON IN 1888.

No.	Date.	Names and Residence of Parties.
1.	Feb. 22.	Charles J. Holton and Jennie A. Bean, both of Acton.
2.	Mar. 21.	Joseph F. Edwards and Ada C. Baily, both of Maynard.
3.	April 25.	Michael O. Kerrigan of Concord and Annie Gallagher of Acton.
4.	June 25.	Fremont S. Vining of Phillips, Me., and Ada F. Willard of Acton.
5.	June 27.	Frank Arthur Teele of Somerville and Mabel Richardson of Acton.
6.	Sept. 5.	Charles M. Kimball of Haverhill and Carrie E. Jones of Acton.
7.	Sept. 5.	David H. Bezanson and Ida M. Foote, both of Acton.
8.	Oct. 2.	William A. Flint of Concord and Estella D. Heath of Acton
9.	Oct. 24.	Frederick L. Burke and Addie H. Barker, both of Acton.
10.	Nov. 14.	Horace M. Howard of Lexington and Lucy A. Jones of Acton.
11.	Nov. 25.	Thomas Anegues of Acton and Mary Haley of Marlboro.
12.	Nov. 27.	Samuel A. Dorrison of Clinton and Mary W. Wheeler of Acton.
13.	Dec. 13.	Thomas Miller and Livina E. Demmons, both of Maynard.

DEATHS RECORDED IN ACTON IN 1888.

No.	Date.	Names of Deceased.
1.	Jan. 1.	Franklin White, aged 39 years, 27 days.
2.	Jan. 29.	Mr. Gaius W. Allen, aged 83 years.
3.	Feb. 1.	Mary D. Farrar, aged 20 years, 4 months, 15 days.

4.	Feb.	3.	Lizzie S., daughter of Anson C. and Ellen Piper, aged 2 months, 2 days.
5.	Feb.	11.	Mrs. Eliza A. G. Barker, wife of Isaac Barker, aged 77 years, 1 month, 5 days.
6.	Feb.	22.	Mary F. Davis, aged 54 years, 9 months, 16 days.
7.	Mar.	9.	Sarah E. Robbins, aged 64 years, 3 months, 23 days.
8.	Mar.	15.	Sarah J. Houghton, wife of Geo. H. S. Houghton, aged 53 years, 8 months, 16 days.
9.	Mar.	9.	Mrs. Rachel C. Conant, wife of Joel H. Conant, aged 75 years, 10 months, 12 days.
10.	April	30.	Mrs. Abigail P. Durkee, aged 65 years.
11.	May	20.	Mr. John Harris, aged 86 years, 5 month, 13 days.
12.	July	25.	Mr. James F. Jones, aged 58 years, 6 months.
13.	Aug.	10.	William S. Sanford, aged 23 years, 5 months, 10 days.
14.	Aug.	10.	Lewis M. Finney.
15.	Aug.	15.	Edward O. Neil, aged 50 years.
16.	Aug.	21.	Mrs. Hepsabeth A. Piper, wife of Jona A. Piper, aged 80 years, 3 months, 20 days.
17.	Aug.	30.	Edward J. O'Neil, aged 27 years.
18.	Sept.	19.	Mrs. Melvina M. Bancroft, aged 72 yrs, 4 mos., 14 days.
19.	Sept.	22.	Sarah A. Barton, aged 68 years, 5 months, 4 days.
20.	Nov.	10.	William Martin, aged 33 years.
21.	Nov.	15.	Mr. David M. Handley, aged 86 years, 5 months, 7 days.
22.	Nov.	22.	Mr. Cyrus Barker, aged 85 years, 11 months.
23.	Dec.	2.	Mrs. Sarah A. Conant, wife of Chas. A. Conant, aged 65 years, 1 month, 24 days.
24.	Dec.	16.	Mary E. Puffer, aged 34 years.

NAMES OF PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN ACTON IN 1888, WITH THE AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM EACH.

David Shapley,	$2	John Temple,	$2
Fred E. Wetherbee,	2	Geo. R. Keyes,	2
Samuel E. Miller,	2	Francis Pratt,	2
Moses A. Reed,	2	Sylvester Haynes,	2
Michael Kerrigan,	2	Eliza Haynes,	2
Chas. B. Stone,	2	Forbush & Hartwell,	5
Mead and Stone,	2	Dan McCarthy, 2d,	2
Frances Stone,	2	Geo. W. Tuttle,	2
E. Eddie Fletcher,	2	W. F. Stevens,	2
Chas. J. Williams,	2	T. J. Sawyer,	5
F. W. Green,	2	L. V. Clough,	2
Albert Moulton,	2	W. F. Kelley,	2
E. J. Robbins,	2	F. Rouillard,	2
Charles Varney,	2	Chas. B. Sanders,	4
A. W. Gardner,	2	F. S. Whitcomb,	2
Joshua Sawyer,	4	M. J. Worthley,	2
A. F. Sargent,	2	Chauncy B. Robbins,	4
A. L. Lawrence,	9	J. R. Bassett,	2
Mrs. Geo. F. Flagg,	2	H. M. Smith,	2
George H. Books,	2	Moses Taylor,	2
Antoine Bulette,	2	L. U. Holt,	2
Daniel Tuttle,	2	Thomas Calder,	2
Thomas Mannion,	2	Ed. H. Jones,	2
Geo. B. Gowen,	2	Chas. Wheeler,	5
Cyrus Hayward,	2	Geo. Conant,	2
Walter E. Hayward,	2	Stephen E. Martin,	2
John Fletcher,	2	Geo. T. Knowlton,	2
F. W. Houghton,	2	Henry Hanson,	2
Otis H. Forbush,	2	R. B. Knowlton,	2
J. K. W. Wetherbee,	2	Isaac S. Ford,	2
Elnathan Jones,	2	L. E. Reed,	2
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee,	4	Ed. O'Neil,	2
Daniel F. Farrar,	2	W. H. Teele,	2
Willie S. Fletcher,	2	J. C. Gates,	2
Augustus Fletcher,	2	Willis L. Mead,	2
Dana F. Hayward,	2	H. A. Littlefield,	2
D. J. Wetherbee,	2	F. W. Gray,	2
Solon A. Robbins,	2	Isaac Barker,	2
Ollie D. Wood,	2	Geo C. Wright,	2
Oscar H. Thompson,	2	Geo. A. Conant,	2
David M. Handley,	2	A. L. Tuttle,	2
Amasa Knowlton,	2	C. J. Holton,	7
Jeremiah McCarthy,	2	C. H. Holton,	2
O. A. Knowlton,	2	Fred Gilmore,	2

James D. Coburn,	2	Hezman Chaplin,	2
A. L. Noyes,	2	C. A. Harrington,	4
G. H. S. Houghton,	2	Webster C. Robbins,	4
M. H. Worden,	2	Chas. H. Taylor,	2
Anson C. Piper,	2	Geo. C. Conant,	2
Chas. Morris.	2	A. P Wood,	2
J. H. Hanaford,	2	Ralph Crooker,	2
J. W. Dupee,	2	N. Littlefield,	2
R. L. Reed,	2	Chas. H. Wheeler,	2
Daniel Harris,	2	A. Risso,	9
J. H. Standish,	2	F. R. Knowlton,	4
Henry Haynes,	2	Geo. Gardner,	2
Wm. B. Davis,	2	Moses E. Taylor,	2
Geo. T. Knowlton,	2	Henry Hanson,	2
Lutner Conant,	2	Eliza B. Cole,	2
Nathan R. Palmer,	2	Henry L. Willard,	2
Allen G. Smith.	2		

Whole number of Dogs licensed since last report, 133; males, 127; females, 6. Total amount received, $284.

WM. D. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

Report of Receipts and Expenditures at the Almshouse in Acton,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1889.

Articles on hand February 28, 1889.

11 cows,	$468 00
1 horse,	175 00
1 ton rye fodder,	12 00
12 tons hay,	216 00
Oat fodder,	4 00
Grain,	8 00
1 plough,	12 00
Horse rake,	23 00
Mowing machine,	30 00
55 hens,	27 50
15 cords wood,	75 00
1 wagon,	70 00
Concord buggy,	15 00
15 bushels potatoes,	10 50
150 pounds salt pork,	18 00
Molasses,	3 00
Apples,	4 00
Barrels,	4 32
Soap,	2 00
Vinegar,	1 00
Canned fruit,	2 00
Crackers,	2 70
Flour,	2 50
Beans,	80
Lard,	2 40
Butter,	75
Oat meal,	50
Spices,	75
Coffee,	35
Tea,	30
Eggs,	25
Salt,	50
Cream tartar,	35
Lumber,	15 00
	$1207 47

RECEIPTS FROM TOWN FARM

From March 1, 1888, to March 1, 1889.

Received for	Apples,	$334 74	
	Milk,	820 44	
	Calves,	16 75	
	Beef cow,	18 65	
	Labor,	11 00	
	Potatoes,	14 85	
	Cabbages,	91	
	Peaches,	1 10	
	Lumber,	2 00	
	Old rake,	2 00	
	Beans,	38	
	Peas,	2 12	
	Pickles,	79	
	Eggs,	22 23	
			$1247 96

EXPENDITURES AT TOWN FARM

For the year ending February 28, 1889.

Axes,	$ 2 40	
Axe handles,	40	
Apple header,	1 00	
Axle grease,	25	
Alum,	10	
Beans,	9 22	
Butter,	47 09	
Brooms,	1 75	
Boots and shoes,	7 95	
Berries,	1 00	
Brushes,	57	
Barrels,	43 86	
Blacksmith bill,	18 44	
Castings,	7 71	
Coal,	24 72	
Cream tartar,	1 84	
Combs,	52	
Cows,	206 00	
Cocoa,	33	
Crackers,	34 77	
Coffee,	6 98	
Crockery,	4 28	
Castor,	1 00	
Celery,	15	

Curtains,	$ 1 65
Chimneys,	39
Cloth and clothing,	46 04
Campor,	40
Clothes pins,	15
Cattle cards,	28
Cheese,	1 34
Disinfectant,	20
Eggs,	36
Evaporated apple,	1 55
Extracts,	1 15
Fruit jars,	1 93
Fish,	10 27
Flower pots,	30
Flour,	33 54
Files,	30
Fly paper and powder,	97
Fertilizer,	21 20
Glass,	2 40
Grain,	442 15
Grafting trees,	7 25
Harrow teeth,	1 00
Hinges and hooks,	34
Ham,	8 70
Horse rake,	23 50
Knives,	60
Lumber,	2 96
Lantern,	60
Locks,	30
Lime,	68
Labor,	14 25
Lemons,	1 83
Measure,	15
Meat,	105 55
Molasses,	14 30
Matches,	15
Nails,	4 10
Oat meal,	2 01
Ointment,	40
Oil,	4 65
Onions,	35
Poultry food,	6 40
Pails,	62
Paris green,	25
Pick handle,	33
Plough,	12 00

Paints,	1 88	
Plaster,	35	
Peppers,	35	
Pigs,	12 00	
Putty,	14	
Potatoes,	18 16	
Rosin,	15	
Rings and staples,	14	
Repairing harness,	7 05	
Raisins,	1 44	
Seeds,	8 00	
Spices,	2 69	
Soda,	64	
Stove polish,	48	
Starch,	86	
Saltpetre,	20	
Spinage,	25	
Soap,	5 50	
Sulphur,	30	
Salt,	2 80	
Spoons,	1 16	
Sugar,	41 38	
Scythes,	1 60	
Saws,	85	
Services of H. C. Scarlet and wife,	445 83	
E. H. Cutler,	50 00	
L. C. Taylor,	15 00	
A. C. Handley,	6 00	
Turpentine,	1 13	
Tomato plants,	50	
Tin ware,	70	
Tea,	6 10	
Tobacco,	50	
Use of bull,	3 75	
Vinegar,	2 40	
Wire,	6 60	
Wheelwright bill,	4 90	
Whetstone,	50	
Yeast,	1 10	
		$1,855 82

Expenditures,	$1,855 82	
Receipts,	1,247 96	
Income less than expense,		$ 607 86

Drawn from the treasury,	$206 00	
Due from treasury to balance account,	401 86	
Income less than expense,		$ 607 86
Interest on farm,		240 00
		$ 847 86
Victualing and lodging 170 tramps at 40 cents,		68 00
Cost of supporting poor at farm,		$779 86

Whole number of persons, exclusive of tramps, supported at almshouse, 7; average number, 5 1-2; present number, 6.

E. H. CUTLER,
L. C. TAYLOR,
A. C. HANDLEY,
} *Overseers of Poor.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

SCHOOL-YEAR, 1888-9.

To the town of Acton:

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

IN BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The town is to be congratulated upon the harmonious and healthful condition of the schools through the year. The Winter session has been free from the usual snow blockades. The interruptions from disease, epidemics and cold have been exceptional. The death angel must have found his victims elsewhere, as no name in our happy list of scholars has been starred.

In examining carefully the various registers, two impressions are left upon the mind. In conferring with the teachers, these impressions still linger, as if on purpose to be recorded in the printed annual report. One is, most of the parents show a care in providing food, clothes, conveyances, and other encouragements which prove a hearty co-operation in securing to their children the full benefit of school days. They have intelligence enough to see how essential to real progress, is the presence of the child in the school room on time and in proper condition of mind and body, for the real work in hand. They are willing to make sacrifices of personal comfort and home accommodations for the sake of that presence. Private gratifications easily yield when balanced against the culture and welfare of the child.

These heroic self-denials of the home-life, unheralded except to the heart's inner consciousness, will have their reward. Nay they now have their reward in that very consciousness

which makes life to mean something nobler than simply to eat, drink and wear clothes and then die.

The second impression to be recorded and published, is just the opposite of the one named. It is the following: there is here and there scattered through the town a parent, who fails to enforce a wholesome moral sentiment at the hearthstone.

The petty jealousies of the school room are patronized to the exclusion of the higher grades of thought. Children are allowed to leave their homes in ill-humor over some misjudged treatment of teacher or schoolmate. Trivial excuses are indulged and the tardy or absence mark is registered and when once the list is begun it is likely to continue, at intervals discouraging to rank and scholarship. The roll of honor is lost at the beginning of the contest.

These things ought not so to be. They would not so be if *the child's good and the parent's comfort* as a sentiment was flung to the breeze, nailed to the mast and kept flying in al weathers.

THE TEACHER'S STIMULUS.

It is peculiar to himself. Let him make the most of it. There is in the very presence of a company of young persons gathered in a school room with their minds all aglow with the work that has been done or is to be done within the short interval allotted with their thousand and one questions to be answered upon the spot either by themselves or their teacher with their varying moods of impatience, of high expectation—of disappointed hopes—of commingled stupidity and vivacity, there is in this presence an appeal to all the vital forces of mind and heart.

If one has a mind and heart he will feel the impetus urging him on to do something worthy of the day. He may be of a heavy heart in starting from home. An indifference like that of the sands beneath his feet may mark his movements as he passes through the routine of his home-life, but let him once stand before his school and he cannot retreat. He

would not if he could. Before he has time to plan he is himself in the arena, doing valiant service for his youthful dependents.

The teacher is tempted to ask what inspiration is there in a stupid scholar? What encouragements to work with or for one whose confirmed lethargy rebounds upon you? The inquiry itself proves the point. It shows there is a demand made by such stupidity upon the susceptible forces of a teacher's mind. His inventive powers are put to the tension if by any means he may startle this dormancy. The magic touch of a skillful hand may arouse the sleeper. The problem is what to do and how to do it? The earnest teacher will not be satisfied till the problem is solved.

With one scholar the secret springs of ambition are to be reached. How shall they be reached?

With one scholar the love of approbation is to be appealed to, but it must be done with the artist's delicacy and the wisdom of Socrates.

With one scholar the untoward circumstances of his home-life are to be studied and that adjustment be made which shall meet the peculiar condition.

With one scholar there are bad propensities, vicious inclinations leading downward and ever threatening a lower level. The question is how can this downward grade be reversed? How can the animal part be repressed? How can the mental and higher part be lifted?

Who has the charm that can inspirit this latent angel, if angel there be? and who shall say no angel is there?

With one scholar it is a stubborn, chronic repugance to everything savoring of books and schools. Who can break this spell? How can the flinty rock be struck and the fire of genuis evoked? He who does it is a master workman. He who attempts to do it, even though he may not succeed, shall find the very attempt helpful to the development of his own power.

No education is fairly under way, none surely completed

which has not had this practical drill in this gymnasium of the passions.

THE KINSHIP OF STUDIES AND SCHOOLS.

The considerate father as he gathers the scattered group of his children and grand-children about him—looks in their faces, and talks with them one by one or in company says to himself: "These are all of one kin. They are every one of them bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh."

So in the family gathering of schools the careful educator will find it hard to sever one of the grades from his recognition and sympathy. They each look up to him for the genial, helping word.

They are sensitive if they see the coat of many colors given to any favorite member. This is as it should be. It is not for the Primary to say to the Grammar, or the High school to say to the Intermediate, "I have no need of you." They are all interlocked in one loving fellowship. If one suffers they all suffer.

It is not for Geography to say to Arithmetic or Grammar to History, or Science to Language or Language back to either of its mates, "I have no need of you." They match each other. If one limps they all begin to falter in the race. If one starts afresh they all feel the glow and speed together for the prize. You think the natural Sciences are dry. They seem to you not to belong to the companionship of Literature, History and Language.

But here comes a lad with his satchel filled with flowers of various hue. He has traversed the mountain ranges and the water courses of the valley. He has gone hungry and tired, yet the eager countenance and the glowing words of the enthusiast show he feels rewarded for his toil. He has at last found the variety which his Botany has described. The glen has become sacred where his choice plant is located. It is like a mine of gold just found by the place-hunter, which he must not disclose to his nearest friends. You feel

at once the rebuke of your ignorance and lack of appreciation.

It is one of the facts in our Colonial History, that Harvard College, instead of being, as is sometimes supposed, the outgrowth of the common schools, gave to these schools their birth and inspiration. The Grand Motor was at Cambridge and not in the rural suburbs. So it has been ever since. So it must ever continue to be. The consanguinity of letters was eternally fixed in the fiat of creation.

THE FLAG AND THE SCHOOL.

The vote of the citizens at the annual meeting to have the flag float from the monument on inauguration day, without regard to party politics, was a fitting accompaniment of the school discussion. But for the schools this flag would never have been unfurled in America. In the great civil conflict, but for the schools, this flag would have been rent more than once and never have been restored to position in more than its original lustre—not a star erased. Loyalty to the flag implies loyalty to the cause of education in all its departments. The Memorial Library Building, which our generous benefactor, William A. Wilde, is rearing, is to be a permanent symbol of the union between Letters and Liberty. It accords with the sentiment of George Peabody, the great American patron of letters: "Education a debt due from present to future generations." Let this debt be recognized in the full measure of its obligations. It has come down to us as a legacy from the past. The fathers and mothers of a former generation have bequeathed it to us.

"Along the cool sequestered vale of life
They kept the noiseless tenor of their way,"

But the whole region is reminiscent of their toil and reform.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The present membership of this school is 36; the average membership for the year 38. The attendance, interest in the studies, deportment of the scholars, the appreciation of

the advantages granted to the young people by the town, their purpose to make the most of themselves for their own sake and the sake of the town, were seldom more apparent. Never has real solid progress in all the branches of knowledge pursued been more satisfactory.

Mr. Armstrong, the Principal, has proved himself to be the man for the place. His ambition to excel, his effort to discover the best methods and to test them by a faithful trial, his complete mastery of the school in the way of discipline, his thoroughness in searching for the whys and wherefores, his manliness in doing honest work, his habit of trying to beat himself every time, and rarely failing in the efforts, make it worth the while to retain his services if by any proper means it can be done. He should have more pay. He can have it elsewhere. More than once during the year we feared we should lose him, but he is with us still, fresh as ever, and more competent to do noble service in our behalf from the experience of the past. The town should not hesitate a moment in saying "let the good work go on." In any light the matter can be viewed, the town can ill afford to vote a negative on the High school. Its good name is involved. The reports of a stoppage by action of its citizens would lower its prestige in the neighborhood of towns ten degrees. A year ago a vote was taken upon this question. That prompt decisive action in favor of its continuance, gave the whole town a conscious self-respect which has lasted ever since, and which more than cancelled all the High school's bills.

It is an unfortunate time to take any backward step in the line of education. We are just receiving a generous gift of a Public Library building. It is an educational epoch in the history of the town. It is a time when the best aspirations of our youth have been raised to the high water mark. It would be especially ungracious to spot the hour by an unlucky negative on the High school. What are you going to do with these High school scholars? They are on your hands. Few, if any, can afford the extra expenses of books,

clothes, fare and tuitions out of town. There is a wear and tear of nerves by scholars and parents in sending out of town, which is too much for many to endure any length of time. This is something which is not to be estimated in dollars and cents.

There is a moral risk in sending away from home which some may wish to forecast. We do not want these High school studies and scholars in our Grammar school. These Grammar school teachers have more on their hands than they know how to meet. They leave their rooms with tired nerves. Their time tables are crowded and their patience exhausted by the present regime. With most of the High school scholars the decision of the town settles the question whether they are to have any more schooling. It is with them practically this or nothing.

A negative would drop the countenances of the entire company. More than that, it would fall as a damp chilly frost upon all the lower grades of school. The experiment is too costly in its results to be tried without sober considerations of all its possible bearings and complications.

The town is not so rich that it can afford to have poor roads. What you expend upon these roads is not to be viewed as a tax. It is more properly a wise and profitable investment which you make and for which you get sure returns. The same with your educational expenditures. The town is not so rich that it can afford to give up its school arrangements. It will not pay if that is what you are thinking about. Leave out all other considerations but dollars and cents and then it will be true, that your dollars will lessen as your school privileges diminish. Your lands will depreciate at a rate more than enough to off-set the extra cost of your High school even if double its present figures. Your real estate sales will soon demonstrate the short sighted policy.

There were 37 applicants for admission to the school in June. 22 received certificates. The average of those admitted was nearly 14 years, making them on an average

nearly 17, at the completion of the three years' course.

The graduating exercises in June, in the town hall, showed how much the public were interested in the school. The hall was crowded. The programme for the occasion is printed as a proper memento:

Programme,

CLASS MOTTO: "LET THE END CROWN THE WORK."

MUSIC.

PRAYER - - - - - By Rev. Mr. Stearns
SALUTATORY - - - - - - Alice J. Hoar
ESSAY - - - - - - Edith B. Holden
"A Nations Dishonor."
MUSIC.
ESSAY - - - - - - Bertram D. Hall
"Genius is Attention."
ESSAY - - - - - - Grace E. Tuttle
"Wayside Thoughts."
MUSIC.
ESSAY - - - - - - Bertha L. Gardner
"Now."
ESSAY - - - - - - Ida M. Littlefield
"Who is a Hero?"
ESSAY - - - - - - Blanche M. Bassett
"Education a Prize."
ESSAY - - - - - - - Mabel L. Robinson
"Work and Win."
MUSIC,
ESSAY - - - - - - - Alice J. Hoar
"All the World a Stage."
PROPHESY - - - - - - Edith B. Holden
MUSIC.
VALEDICTORY - - - - Bertram D. Hall
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS - - By Superintendent
MUSIC.

A diploma was awarded subsequently to Frederic Hapgood Nash, who had attended a part of the year, but was unable to continue by reason of sickness. He had, however, completed the course, and by equivalents was deemed worthy of the diploma, which was granted by the unanimous vote of the Committee.

The three years' course is also appended, and now adopted, subject to changes which may hereafter be made, according to the judgment of the Committee and the light of experience.

THREE YEARS' COURSE OF HIGH SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR.

First Term. — Arithmetic and Book-keeping alternating. English Grammar and Composition. General History.

Second Term.—Arithmetic and Book-keeping, alternating English Grammar and Composition. General History.

Third Term.—Arithmetic and Book-keeping, alternating. Rhetoric begun. Botany.

SECOND YEAR.

First Term.—Algebra begun. Rhetoric continued. Physiology.

Second Term.—Algebra continued. Eng. Literature begun. Physics continued.

THIRD YEAR.

First Term.—Geometry continued. Latin begun. Chemistry begun.

Second Term.—Physical Geography. Latin continued. Chemistry continued.

Third Term.—Civil Government. Latin continued. Geology.

Four recitations in each branch per week.

Wednesday an off day, with a different programme including Compositions, Declamations, Reading, Spelling, Drawing, and other miscellaneous recitations as shall be deemed most important at the time.

THE PUBLIC HALF-DAY.

The monthly written test in the schools is considered the fairest and surest proof of the real progress made. If properly considered it cannot fail to reveal the weak or strong points of scholarship.

These are considered in silence, and each pupil must depend upon his own independent resources, unembarassed by the interference of school-mates, committee or the puplic.

Each pupil having the same questions the result determines the absolute and relative standing.

For the sake of variety, it was thought best, at the close of winter term, this year, to open the doors wide at least for one-half day for public inspection.

The invitation was cordially accepted. A good attendance of the parents greeted the teacher and scholars in very part of the town. The pupils of every grade came with good clothes, good looks, good behavior, happy to greet their friends, and resolved to repay them for coming.

The janitors did good service in helping on the day. The teachers did their parts well in furnishing and executing the programmes. They seemed to find their reward in the smile and word of approval from a gratified public.

This mutual contact of scholars, teachers and parents, must have an inspiring effect, as it shall be recalled in the coming days.

It has revealed a reserved corps of sympathing friends, ready to rally at any moment in the interest of education.

THE CENTRE SCHOOL.

Grammar Department.

MISS FANNIE L. PERRY, - - Teacher.

The district has been fortunate in retaining the services for another year of Miss Perry. Her rare experience, aptitude to teach and govern, unflagging interest, have again made their impress upon the school. The several branches of study have had fair treatment, and each pupil has been taught and disciplined with judicious care. A good work has been done, and all hope more work of the same sort may be done in the future, on the same premises and by the same trusty hand.

Primary Department.

MISS BLANCHE E. HENSHAW, - Teacher,

This year opened with a sad disappointment to the membership of this school. Miss Bessie Ball, their cherished teacher for years, was sick. How could they go on without her. They missed her smiling face, her cheery word, her tripping step, and for days refused to be comforted. But

like little heroes, they at last submitted to the situation, and yielded gracefully to the guidance of another hand, Miss Blanche E. Henshaw, of Lowell. She is a graduate of the Normal school, has had experience and success in teaching, and has put forth her best endeavors to win the confidence of her charge. The scholars have made good progress and been happy in their work.

THE NORTH SCHOOL.

Spring Term.

JOSEPH W. GODFREY, - - Teacher.

The characteristics of this school noticed in previous reports remained during the closing term of Mr. Godfrey's teaching. He was alert, fervent in style, ready to help, and untiring in his efforts to make each day of improvement to himself and his pupils. Many pleasing reminiscences and good wishes will gather about his name, as it shall be mentioned in the coming years.

Fall and Winter Term.

MISS JESSIE F. JONES, - - Teacher.

Miss Jones is from Watertown, a graduate of the Watertown High School. She has testimonials which warrant expectations of success in any line of effort which she may adopt. She began with the usual disadvantages of inexperience. These have been bravely met. There has been devotion to duty, thoroughness in teaching, and a steady movement in the lines of order, system and progress. It is expected that the "*fortiter in re*," combined with the "*suaviter in modo*," will ultimately win the day.

Let the parents join with the teacher in that mutual cooperation and charity, which suffereth long and is kind. In due season the waving harvest will appear, and there shall be glad reapers in the field.

EAST SCHOOL.

MISS SUSIE E. WETHERBEE, - Teacher.

Miss Wetherbee is credited with another year of good

solid school work. Five out of six of her candidates for the High School received certificates of admission in June. The departure of this class ftom the school has made a sensible change in its membership. The younger members have rallied from the shock and are already marching forward rapidly to the given standard. The exercises on the public day, showed at a glance a prompt and intelligent performance of the tasks assigned. The panorama unrolled on time, and there was no lack of interest till the last picture in the scene was reached. That photograph group of the six boys with bare heads and white linen collars, peering through the mists and rain drops, with a good cheer for the Committee man, as he walked through the mud up the hill, has been put in a frame and will scatter the clouds in many a rainy day—in the future. Some time we hope to get the Committee man's speech on this occasion.

SOUTH EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Laura A. Brown, - - Teacher

Nothing especially note worthy is reported distinguishing this year from the last. In no direction has there been a lessening of merit, either in the modes of instruction or in the results. Discipline has been maintained. Enthusiasm amid adverse conditions of labor, have marked the teacher's efforts. If the laurel wreath is not worn through the modesty of the teacher, it deserves to be just the same. Let the older members of this school vie with each other in making the teacher's position one of real comfort to her, as well as of benefit to themselves.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Grammar Department.

Miss Fannie M. Houghton, - Teacher.

The school has prospered under the continuous charge of its present teacher. Miss Houghton has beenfaithful, earnest and persevering, seeking to find the best methods of instruction, and putting them sharply to the test. She has found

in most of her pupils a readiness to take her ideas. Order, odedience, promptness, cheerfulness, intelligent progress, mark the school. The understanding and the upperstanding are both included in the care of the teacher, and the result is a happy development of the individual scholar. The public half day for this school was heralded by the dispesion of rain-clouds, the shining of the sun, the roll of the drum, the display of the national colors, and the eager gathering of the public. During the singing of some of the martial songs, and when the boys marched up to Gen. Gage, and reported their grievances in the words of Seventy-six, the War of Independence seemed just opening upon us. It took time to adjust the thoughts and bring them round to the real dates and scenes of the present hour. The gymnastics of the school were finely given. It was not strange that Mr. Piper, the worthy Committee man, had the headache and the heart-ache, and was speechless at the thought of giving up his trust.

Primary School.

Miss Viola S. Tuttle, . Teacher.

The sun responded to the telephone message to be on hand at the public exercises of the South Primary. It was a hard push through the clouds, but the break was made according to order. If there had been no sunshine outside, there would have been piles of it indoors, with such a teacher, school and programme.

How did they read? As they would talk.
How did they spell? All the words but squash.
How did they write? Better than you and I.
How did they act? As if they liked it.
How did they look? Like flowers in a vase.
How did they sing? Like the spring blue birds.
How did they march? As if they would take the city.
That charge of slates from the front seats on the rows of

visitors was a great success. Never have the teacher and scholars done more or better work than during the past year.

WEST ACTON SCHOOL.

Grammar Department.—Spring Term.

MISS SARAH HOPKINSON, - Teacher.

No results of note occurred during the closing term of Miss Hopkinson's teaching. Though laboring under some pecular disadvantages, she met them gracefully, did her part as best she knew, and in some lines of work showed results more satisfactory than in preceding terms. Her methods of instruction were normal and designed to lead the scholar to self-reliant effort.

Fall and Winter Terms.

MISS NELLIE A. HANSON, - Teacher.

Miss Hanson came from Woburn with good testimonials, showing a creditable record as teacher. Though a stranger, she entered eagerly upon her work, soon affiliated with the scholars, became conversant with their grades and sought to lead pleasantly along the paths of knowledge. There appeared to be harmony between scholars and teacher, an important element of success.

The work which needs to be done in this school requires uncommon tact in discipline, an ability to accomplish good and rapid results, untiring patience, wisdom, good cheer and pluck. The public half day found the teacher disabled with a severe cold, and the scholars many of them suffering the same way. A large audience was present and the programme was carried through to the apparent gratification of the visitors. Let this co-operating spirit continue, and in the end there will be satisfaction all around.

Primary Departmemt.

MISS C. LETTIE NEWTON, - - Teacher.

Perennial means year after year. A perennial teacher is one who can teach year after year, and maintain buoyancy,

and come on the home heat without panting. She has done it and can do it again. The scholars catch the same spirit and hold it to the end. Could you have seen those forty Primaries step with their wands and flying ribbons on the eighth of March, you would have said with the Committee man, "the country is safe." At any rate West Acton is safe whatever may betide other parts of the town. Each one stuck to his colors, and they were all good. Let them keep to their colors as they mature in person and knowledge, and they will soon make their mark in the wide, wide world.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FLETCHER,

Superintendent.

TABULAR STATEMENT FOR 1888-9.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Length of schools in weeks.	Whole number scholars.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Under 5 years.	Over 5 years.	Over 15 years.	Between 8 and 14 years
Acton High.	A. W. Armstrong.	36	41	38.4	35.0		41	26	15
Center Grammar.	Miss Fannie L. Perry	36	23	20.6	18.8		23	1	22
Center Primary.	Miss Blanche E. Henshaw.	36	25	21.8	19 5		25		17
South Grammar.	Miss Fannie M. Houghton.	36	33	30.2	28.3		33	7	24
South Primary.	Miss Viola S. Tuttle.	36	49	37.5	33.2		49		22
West Grammar.	Miss Sarah Hopkinson. Miss Nellie A. Hanson.	36	37	36.9	31.9		37	3	27
West Primary.	Miss C. Lettie Newton.	36	45	40.0	36.0	2	43		21
North.	Joseph W. Godfrey. Miss Jessie F. Hanson.	36	27	23.7	21.3	1	26		18
East.	Miss Susie A. Wetherbee	36	20	18.1	15 9		20		11
South East.	Miss Laura A. Brown.	36	16	15.0	14.3		16	1	12

Number between 5 and 15 years, as reported by the Assessors, for the year 1888, 280.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. MIDDLESEX ss.

To either constable of the Town of Acton in said County, GREETING:

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify the legal voters of said town of Acton, to meet at the town hall on Monday, the first day of April, A.D. 1889, at one o'clock p. m., by posting copies of this warrant, by you attested, at the post office in the centre of the town, at the stores of Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee and C. B. Stone, at the Magog house and in all of the railroad stations in said town seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting, then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To fill all vacancies in the list of town officers.

ART. 3. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year, and how it shall be expended. 4300

ART. 4. To see what amount of money the town will raise to repair the roads the present year, and how it shall be expended. $2300

ART. 5. To see what amount of money the town will raise to defray town charges for the present year. 1000

ART. 6. To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Schools. ~~L E Hoot~~ yo

ART. 7. To see if the town will choose a Superintendent of Burials. Chas L E Hoot

ART. 8. To consider and act upon the acceptance of the Jury List as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. To see if the town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and other Town Officers.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the town if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.

ART. 11. To vote by ballot Yes or No, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town the present year." 88 no 68 yes

ART. 12. To see if the town will appropriate $150.00 for the due observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 13. To see if the town will change the grade of the road leading from the turnpike in West Acton by the house of Wm. H. Teele, so as to take the surface water, or take any action theron.

ART. 14. To see if the town will purchase a new road machine or take any action thereon. Voted to [illegible]

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant to us with your doings thereon at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this the twentieth day of March in the year eighteenth hundred and eighty-nine.

JOB W. DUPEE,
THOMAS F. NOYES,
HOWARD B. WHITE,
} *Selectmen of Acton.*

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1889.

Town Clerk.

WILLIAM D. TUTTLE.

Selectmen.

JOB W. DUPEE, THOMAS F. NOYES, HOWARD B. WHITE.

Assessors.

PHINEAS WETHERBEE, JOB W. DUPEE, CHAUNCY B. ROBBINS.

Overseers of Poor.

ELISHA H. CUTLER, LYMAN C. TAYLOR, AARON C. HANDLEY.

Town Treasurer.

JONA. K. W. WETHERBEE.

Auditors.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD, DANIEL J. WETHERBEE.

School Committee.

ALPHONSO A. WYMAN, 3 years. WILLIAM S. JONES, 3 years.
CHAS. L. BRADFORD, 2 years. JAMES FLETCHER, 2 years.
CHAS. J. WILLIAMS, 1 year. GEO. R. KEYES, 1 year.

Highway Surveyors.

CHARLES WHEELER, NAHUM LITTLEFIELD.

Cemetery Committee.

JOHN FLETCHER, WM. W. DAVIS, LEVI W. STEVENS.

Vence Viewers.

NAHAM C. REED, O. W. MEAD, FRANK HOSMER.

Surveyors of Wood.

WM. B. DAVIS, GEO. H. HARRIS, S. L. DUTTON,
ISAAC W. FLAGG, CHAS. H. TAYLOR, JOHN F. DAVIS,
H. T. CLARK, HENRY D. PARLIN, CHAS. J. WILLIAMS,
JONA. P. FLETCHER.

Surveyors of Lumber.

WM. B. DAVIS, E. F. RICHARDSON, L. W. STEVENS,
GEO. H. HARRIS, E. J. ROBBINS, HERBERT E. CLARK.
CHAS. A. BROOKS, JONA. P. FLETCHER.

Surveyors of Hoops and Staves.

AUGUSTUS FLETCHER.

Fish Committee.

LUTHER CONANT, E. JONES, FRANK H. WHITCOMB,
JOHN FLETCHER, CHAS. J. WILLIAMS.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN * OF * ACTON,

FROM

February 26, 1889, to February 26, 1890.

HUDSON:
THE ENTERPRISE STEAM PRINTING COMPANY.
1890.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Acton in Account with J. K. W. Wetherbee, Treasurer.

1890.	*Dr.*		
Feb. 26.	To cash paid State tax,	$1,340 00	
	" " county tax,	1,038 89	
	" " on Selectmen's orders,	15,069 54	
	" Outstanding orders,	941 96	
	" Balance due the Town,	830 85	
			19,221 24
1889.	*Cr.*		
Feb. 26.	By cash in the treasury,	$1,865 83	
	Received of Horace R. Hosmer for old stovepipe sold,	50	
	C. J. Williams, for fines collected for fishing without permission,	2 50	
	City of Boston, for aid furnished Mrs. Sibley,	90 21	
	Town of Billerica, for aid furnished Mrs. Russell,	48 13	
	E. F. Richardson, for rent of chapel room to April 1, 1889,	33 00	
	H. W. Tuttle, for 72 loads gravel,	3 60	
	Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, borrowed money,	1,500 00	
	Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, borrowed money,	1,000 00	
	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	655 36	
	State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	625 56	
	State Treasurer, State aid, Chap. 252, Acts of 1879,	102 00	

State Treasurer, State aid, Chapter 301, Acts of 1879,	$232 00	
State Treasurer, income of school fund,	161 30	
County Treasurer, on account of dog licenses for the year 1889,	290 70	
Dr. I. Hutchins, for druggist's license,	1 00	
L. W. Stevens, for lots sold in Mount Hope Cemetery,	70 00	
John Fletcher, for lots sold in Woodlawn Cemetery,	18 00	
Julian Tuttle, for rent of Town hall and cellar,	55 50	
Arthur F. Blanchard, taxes of 1888,	731 77	
E. A. Phalen, for taxes of 1889,	11,657 55	
Rev. James Fletcher, for school supplies sold,	5 25	
Interest on money in bank,	71 48	
		$19,221 24

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

Acton, Feb. 26th, 1890.

We have examined the above account and find the same correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
Auditors of the Town of Acton.

Treasurers Report on Account of Money received for care of Lots in Cemetery:

Received for the estate of Hepsibeth Piper,	$50 00	
Interest,	2 00	
Received from estate of Frederick Rouillard,	100 00	
		$152 00

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

ACTON, Feb. 26th, 1890.

We have examined the above account and find the same correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
Auditors of the Town of Acton.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Center School.

Paid Rev. James Fletcher, for teachers,	$709 00		
" " care of house,	65 00		
" " fuel,	75 07		
" " cleaning rooms,	8 35		
" " incidentals,	2 62		
		$860	04

West School.

Paid A. A. Wyman, Esq., for teachers,	$720 00		
" " care of house,	78 00		
" " fuel,	65 48		
" " cleaning rooms,	7 00		
" " incidentals,	4 76		
		$875	24

South School.

Paid C. L. Bradford, for teachers,	$720 00		
" " care of house,	90 00		
" " cleaning rooms,	3 25		
" " fuel,	26 86		
" " incidentals,	6 13		
		$846	24

North School.

Paid G. R. Keyes, for teachers,	$360 00		
" " care of house,	25 50		
" " fuel,	38 36		
" " cleaning rooms,	4 00		
" " incidentals,	83		
		$428	69

East School.

Paid C. J. Williams, for teachers,	$360 00		
" " care of house,	35 00		
" " fuel,	27 13		
" " cleaning,	1 00		
" " incidentals,	3 02		
		$426	15

South-East School.

Paid W. S. Jones, for teachers,	$324 00	
" " care of house,	15 00	
" " fuel,	25 00	
" " cleaning rooms,	2 50	
" " incidentals,	1 75	
		$368 25

High School.

Paid A. W. Armstrong, for teaching,	$920 00	
For care of rooms,	34 00	
C. L. Bradford, incidentals,	1 62	
" " cleaning room,	1 50	
F. W. Green, moving furniture to Center,	1 50	
N. Johnson, " So. Acton,	1 75	
" " Center,	2 00	
" " W. Acton,	2 50	
" cleaning rooms,	75	
Geo. Gardner, rent of piano,	10 00	
" " organ,	15 00	
for fuel,	33 62	
		$1,024 24

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid Geo. Gardner, music for High school.	$ 1 00	
A. A. Wyman, for supplies,	2 39	
Rev. James Fletcher, for supplies,	436 92	
		$440 31

STATE AID.

Paid Allen G. Smith, Chap. 279, Acts 1889,	$60 00	
Benj. Skinner, " "	32 00	
Ola Nelson, " "	4 00	
R. G. Dane, chap. 301, acts 1889,	60 00	
Luke Smith, " "	48 00	
Mary Smith, " "	48 00	
Rebecca C. Wright, " "	48 00	
Mary J. Brown, " "	24 00	
Almira H. Loker, " "	16 00	
W. F. B. Whitney, " "	9 00	
		$349 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid E. H. Cutler, deficiency on farm, 1888.	$401	86	
" " aid of Clara Wheeler,	169	46	
" " " A. S. Brooks,	169	46	
" " " Frank Brooks,	95	61	
" " " Elizabeth H. Robbins,	61	28	
" " " family of Frank Brooks	56	00	
" " " Mrs. Ruth Pike,	53	25	
" " " E. Bryan,		30	
" " " Emily F. Town,	129	00	
" " " Julia A. Collins,	13	76	
" " " J. E. Harris,	124	45	
" " " Miss Abbie Sibley,	30	46	
" " " Wm. R. Read,	19	00	
" " " Mrs. Marshal Jones,	99	00	
" " " Mrs. Russell,	25	46	
" " " Mrs. J. Quinlan,	103	45	
" " " Richard Temple,	52	46	
" " Expenses to Marlboro',	4	00	
" " " Danvers,	4	00	
			$1612 26

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid L. W. Stevens, labor in Mt. Hope cemetery	$63	85	
N. Johnson, labor in No. Acton "	5	00	
" " on monument grounds and cleaning tablets,	4	05	
N. Johnson, labor in Woodlawn cemetery	59	85	
Julian Tuttle and M. A. Reed, labor in Woodlawn cemetery,	13	75	
L. U. Holt, pump and driving well in Woodlawn cemetery,	17	36	
Wm. D. Tuttle, for labor,	1	40	
			$165 26

EXPENSES OF ROADS AS LAID OUT BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Paid Moses H. Reed, moving wall,	$19	90
Julian Tuttle, "	13	38
H. T. Clark, "	35	00
Myron Chaffin, "	15	00
W. S. Mead, moving fence,	5	00
N. Littlefield, labor on Leland-Stevens road,	738	90

N. Littlefield, labor on Hall road,	114 95	
" " covering stone,	2 50	
A. A. Haynes, for gravel,	30 00	
A. M. Knowlton, for gravel,	8 25	
F. H. Whitcomb, "	37 50	
Francis Pratt, building Hall road,	300 00	
M. A. Reed and Julian Tuttle, splitting stone for bridge,	5 00	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 80 ft. drain pipe,	19 80	
P. Wetherbee, moving fence,	12 00	
J. Devane, settlement of claim for fencing,	17 00	
L. Blanchard, " " "	106 00	
C. H. Nash, " " "	22 00	
" award for damages,	20 00	
Frances Stone " "	10 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, for grade stakes,	75	
" " for surveying, specifications and profile,	15 00	
Warren Houghton, for removing fence,	7 50	
J. T. Joslin, advice, and making contract and bond,	5 00	
		$1560 43

PRINTING.

Paid J. F. Wood, for 600 Town reports,	59 80	
" " 500 sheet reports,	10 00	
" " reward notices,	1 50	
" " notices,	5 50	
" " warrants,	13 50	
" " fish permits,	3 25	
" advertising for fish committee,	2 00	
John Fletcher, " "	1 75	
Augustine Hosmer, lists for soldiers names,	3 50	
" notices,	60	
Phineas Wetherbee, list of poll tax payers,	6 00	
		107 40

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Julian Tuttle, services as registrar of voters, to May 1, 1889,	12 00	
C. W. Chadwick, services as registrar of voters, to May 1, 1889,	12 00	
W. D. Tuttle, services as registrar of voters, to May 1, 1889,	15 00	

S. A. Guilford, services as registrar of voters, to May 1, 1889,	12 00	
Phineas Wetherbee, services as Assessor,	50 00	
J. W. Dupee, " "	18 00	
C. B. Robbins, " "	23 00	
L. U. Holt, sealing weights and measures, 1888,	10 00	
Wm. D. Tuttle, services as Town Clerk,	25 00	
Rev. James Fletcher, services as Supt. of School,	125 00	
A. F. Blanchard, collecting 1888 taxes,	85 00	
J. W. Dupee, services as Selectman,	18 00	
Thomas F. Noyes, " "	60 00	
Howard B. White, " "	85 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, services as Treasurer,	50 00	
		600 00

EXPENSES OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Charles Wheeler, regular highway work,	617 89	
N. Littlefield, " "	620 65	
Francis Pratt, " "	600 09	
Francis Pratt, special highway work,	516 78	
A. S. Fletcher, rebuilding abuttments to bridge,	25 00	
Francis Pratt, for railing at Bowen's pond,	55 00	
Francis Pratt, blacksmith's bill,	20 72	
Francis Pratt, labor on railings,	1 95	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, scraper plate and bolts,	8 00	
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, drain pipe,	5 94	
J. P. Brown, labor,	1 47	
M. A. Reed and Julian Tuttle, labor on sluice, E. Acton,	6 25	
E. Jones & Co., lumber for railings,	45 09	
Francis Conant, for repairing sluice,	4 00	
Fitchburg R. R. Co., freight on drain pipe,	1 38	
J. C. Keyes, repairing washout,	50	
A. H. Jones, repairing washout and railing bridge,	6 10	
Thomas McCarthy, covering stone,	7 50	
N. Littlefield, building two sluices,	12 60	
" rebuilding sluice,	33 00	
" 1-2 cask cement,	88	
" powder and fuse,	10 80	

Paid N. Littlefield, covering stones,	8 30	
" two scraper sections,	8 00	
" grate for catch basin,	3 25	
" blacksmith's bill,	18 22	
" 97 loads gravel,	3 88	
Charles Wheeler, building sluice near house of O. Furbush,	44 00	
Charles Wheeler, repairing washouts,	27 12	
" blacksmith's bill,	2 69	
" powder,	3 20	
" plow,	7 00	
" two rakes,	80	
" one hoe,	30	
" gravel,	2 15	
E. F. Conant, gravel,	1 80	
H. A. Gould, "	14 88	
F. R. Knowlton, "	10 70	
I. A. Samson, "	4 60	
Est. of Cyrus Barker, gravel,	7 84	
		$2,770 32

REPAIRS ON TOWN BUILDINGS.

Paid A. C. Piper, for ventilators for South school house,	$2 65
Rev. James Fletcher, inside blinds for Center school house,	15 20
Rev. James Fletcher, repairs at Center school house,	12 69
N. Johnson, for repairs at Center ter school house,	4 25
L. U. Holt, for repairs at Center school house,	19 20
Francis Conant, repairs at Center school house,	2 62
L. U. Holt, repairs at West school house,	25 50
A. A. Wyman, repairs at West school house,	19 00
E. F. Wood, painting in South school house,	6 82
C. L. Bradford, grading at South school house,	20 87
C. L. Bradford, repairs at South school house,	5 04
S. Jones, Jr., repairs at South school house,	30 32

Francis Jones, painting at South school house,	7 38	
Francis Conant, repairs at South school house,	6 67	
L. U. Holt, repairs at South school house,	3 16	
L. U. Holt, gutters for East school house,	13 16	
L. U. Holt, repairs at East school house,	2 12	
H. R. Hosmer, repairs at East school house,	2 30	
C. J. Williams, repairs at East school house,	6 11	
George R. Keyes, repairs at North school house,	3 40	
W. S. Jones, repairs at Southeast school house,	2 00	
Robert Wayne, repairs at Town hall,	3 25	
W. H. Smith, repairing slating on Town hall,	50 25	
F. W. Gray, painting and gilding clock dial and hands and labor at Town hall,	34 20	
F. W. Gray, painting Town hall,	118 00	
F. W. Gray, paint stock,	80	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, paint stock for Town hall,	61 04	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, for gold leaf,	6 15	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, for repairing doorspring,	3 00	
L. U. Holt, repairs at Town hall,	23 09	
		$510 24

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid A. Hosmer, for stationery,	$2 53	
R. M. Yale & Co., repairing flag,	2 75	
F. R. Knowlton, Memorial Day,	150 00	
Nathan Johnson, repairing flag,	1 73	
A. F. Blanchaad, abatements on taxes, as certified by the Assessors,	27 97	
A. F. Blanchard, abatement of Francis Robbins' tax,	7 00	
James Devane, painting guide boards,	16 00	
S. Jones, Jr., guide boards,	17 20	

M. B. Garfield, painting guide boards,	4 00
Conant heirs, lease of gravel bank for thirty years,	35 63
John F. Blood, rebuilding sluice,	10 00
Phineas Wetherbee, copying valuation list,	8 75
Phineas Wetherbee, express and postage,	25
J. Kinsley, use of road for Hurley,	8 00
E. Jones & Co., coal for Town hall.	21 32
" " stock for voting shelves,	7 25
Daniel Tuttle, staining " "	1 52
Spofford Robbins, stock and labor on voting shelves,	10 53
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, collector's book,	1 58
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, assessor's book,	1 35
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, record book for Town Clerk,	4 25
Julian Tuttle, grading about Town hall,	72 85
William D. Tuttle, grading about Town hall,	63 90
Simpson Bros., concreting about Town hall,	40 10
E. H. Cutler, counsel on account of suit of City of Waltham,	25 00
Thomas McCarthy, bound stone at Concord line,	2 00
Charles Wheeler, stone guide posts,	5 25
" " teaming and setting guide posts,	4 85
Charles Wheeler, stone and teaming and setting road bounds,	4 55
Charles Wheeler, teaming and setting bound stone at Concord line,	2 80
Charles Wheeler, teaming stone for J. F. Blood's sluice,	2 00
E. A. Phalen, abatement on Francis Robbins' tax,	6 85
E. A. Phalen, abatements on taxes as certified by the Assessors,	30 00
E. A. Phalen, discount on taxes,	691 59
" posting notices,	4 00

William D. Tuttle, dog license blanks,	1 00	
" " surveying and making out papers for roads and gravel banks,	8 65	
William D. Tuttle, tally sheets,	1 20	
" " express,	2 15	
" " postage,	95	
Paid Wm. D. Tuttle, for telephone,	55	
" " recording 18 marriages,	2 70	
" " 32 deaths,	5 20	
" " collecting and recording 34 births,	17 00	
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies for Town hall,	10 17	
Julian Tuttle, care of Town hall and clock,	59 60	
State Treasurer, druggists license,	25	
Rev. James Fletcher, expenses to hire teachers	7 88	
L. E. Reed, expenses of enforcing the order of the Selectmen against dogs,	4 00	
L. E. Reed, services at Nagog pond as per order of fish committee,	8 00	
L. E. Reed, making return of 30 deaths,	7 50	
L. E. Reed, attending 32 burials,	96 00	
H. B. White, cash paid lawyer,	3 00	
" expenses of Board of Health,	50	
" stationery, postage and express,	4 53	
		$1,536 18

TEMPORARY LOAN PAID.

Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, note and interest,	$1,531 25

RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 26, 1889,	$1,865 83
due from collector of taxes, Feb. 26, 1889,	731 77
Appropriation for Town charges,	4,000 00
schools,	4,300 00
highways,	2,300 00
overlayings,	270 76
State tax,	1,340 00
County tax,	1,038 89

Rec'd of State Treasurer, corporation tax,	655 36	
" " Nat. Bank tax,	625 56	
" " Military aid,	102 00	
" " State aid,	232 00	
" " income of Mass. School Fund,	161 30	
H. R. Hosmer, old iron sold,	50	
C. J. Williams, fines for violation of fishing laws,	2 50	
Town of Billerica, aid furnished Mrs. Russell,	22 67	
Town of Billerica, aid furnished Mrs. Russel,	25 46	
City of Boston, aid furnished Mrs. Abbie Sebley,	90 21	
Chapel Society, rent of school room to April 1, 1889,	33 00	
H. W. Tuttle, gravel,	3 60	
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, borrowed money,	1,500 00	
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, borrowed money,	1,000 00	
Dr. I. Hutchins, druggist license,	1 00	
County Treasurer, dog fund,	290 70	
L. W. Stevens, lots sold in Mt. Hope cemetery,	70 00	
John Fletcher, lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery,	18 00	
Rev. James Fletcher, schools supplies sold,	5 25	
Julian Tuttle, rent of Town hall and cellar,	55 50	
Interest on money in bank,	71 48	
		$20,813 34

EXPENDITURES.

For Center School,	$860 04
West School,	875 24
South School,	846 24
North School,	428 69
East School,	426 15
Southeast School,	368 25
High School,	1,024 24
School supplies,	440 31
State aid,	349 00
Support of Poor,	1,612 26

Cemetery expenses,	165 26		
Roads ordered by County Commissioners,	1,560 43		
Printing,	107 40		
Town officers,	600 00		
Roads and bridges,	2,770 32		
Repairs on Town buildings,	510 24		
Miscellaneous,	1,536 18		
Temporary loan,	1,531 25		
State tax,	1,340 00		
County tax,	1,038 89		
		18,390	39
Balance due from Collector,	1,592 10		
Amount due from Treasurer,	830 85		
		2,422	95
		$20,813	34
Amounts due from Collector and Treasurer,	$2,422 95		
Less amount of Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee's note and interest,	1,023 61		
Balance due the Town Feb. 26, 1890,		1,399	34

THOMAS F. NOYES, } *Selectmen*
HOWARD B. WHITE, } *of Acton.*

ACTON, February 26, 1890.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD, } *Auditors of the*
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE, } *Town of Acton.*

Town Clerk's Report for the Year 1889.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACTON IN 1889.

No.	Date of Birth. 1889.	
1.	Jan. 6.	Julia Elizabeth McCarthy, daughter of James L. and Margaret A. McCarthy.
2.	Jan. 26.	Ernest H. Gray, son of Fred W. and Clara Gray.
3.	Jan. 27.	Hazel Shackford Davis, daughter of Charles T. and Carrie Estella Davis.
4.	Jan. 31.	Edward Milton Holton, son of Charles J. and Jennie A. Holton.
5.	Feb. 7.	Carl Sherman Hoar, son of John S. and Minnie R. Hoar.
6.	Feb. 17.	Margaret Trainor, daughter of Peter and Margaret Trainor.
7.	Feb. 19.	Elmer W. Lawrence, son of Austin E. and Mary J. Lawrence.
8.	Feb. 20.	Henry Martin Jansen, son of Neils and Anna Jansen.
9.	Feb. 21.	Georgie Belle Conant, daughter of George A. and Mabel E. Conant.
10.	Feb. 22.	Albert Clarence Wright, son of Olin L. and Mary J. Wright.
11.	Feb. 28.	Harold Vernon Symonds, son of James A. and Flora C. Symonds.
12.	Apr. 15.	Mabel Lillian Teele, daughter of Frank A. and Mabel Teele.
13.	Apr. 21.	Harold Romaine Phalen, son of Edwin A. and Hattie D. Phalen.

14. Apr. 30. Helen Atherton Wood, daughter of Franklin P. and Abby O. Wood.
15. Apr. 30. Ralph Waldo Piper, son of Anson C. and Ellen L. Piper.
16. May 20. Loraine Davidson, daughter of Norman A. and M. Alice Davidson.
17. June 1. Mabel Newman Conant, daughter of George C. and Clara Belle Conant.
18. June 4. Rex Harrison Taylor, son of Charles H. and Fannie Taylor.
19. June 10. Flora Ida Lawrence, daughter of William H. and Ida L. Lawrence.
20. June 12. Carrie May Bezanson, daughter of Daniel H. and Ida M. Bezanson.
21. June 26. Maud Belle Palmer, daughter of Nathan R. and Abbie M. Palmer.
22. July 28. Olla May Hartwell, daughter of William H. and Lora M. Hartwell.
23. Aug. 2. William Henry Warren, son of William S. and Rose E. Warren.
24. Aug 2. Agnes Bertha Wilson, daughter of John D. and Agnes M. Wilson.
25. Aug. 12. Richard Eleroy Dart, son of Oswald L. and Cora A. Dart.
26. Aug. 15. In Marlboro, George Andrews Wilson, son of George and Mary E. Wilson.
27. Aug. 17. Helen Josephine Tuttle, daughter of JamesB. and Florence M. Tuttle.
28. Oct. 25. Una Luella Smith, daughter of George A. and Alma W. Smith.
29. Nov. 3. Sherburne Hutchins Heath, son of Frank and May Heath.
30. Nov. 8. Mary Helena Moore, daughter of William J. and Mary A. Moore.
31. Nov. 20. Chesleigh Errol Hutson, son of John W. and Eliza J. Hutson.

32. Nov. 22. Gertrude Abbie Austin, daughter of Byron W. and Hattie Belle Austin.

33. Dec. 19. Dennis Sullivan, son of Dennis D. and Annie M. Sullivan.

1888.

1. Apr. 7. Rachel Helen Martin, Stephen E. and Susan A. Martin.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN ACTON IN 1889.

No.	Date of Marriage.	
	1889.	
1.	Jan. 30.	At Marlboro—George C. Conant and Clara B. Vidito, both of Acton.
2.	Feb. 21.	At Acton—George Otis Penniman of Acton and Edith R. Reynolds of Maynard.
3.	Apr. 3.	At Acton—George A. L. Gilchrist of Lunenburg and Mary L. Tuttle of Acton.
4.	Apr. 20.	At Lowell—Albert Russell of Acton and Ida F. Esty of Londonderry, N. H.
5.	Apr. 30.	At Concord—George McDougle and Bridget Mary Jackman, both of Acton.
6.	May 5.	At Acton—John Stanley Rice and Ida Josephine Austin, both of Sudbury.
7.	May 12.	At Acton—Joseph W. Godfrey and Mattie F. Randolph, both of Acton.
8.	May 25.	At Concord, N. H.—George A. Brown of Acton and Nettie L. Carr of Concord.
9.	July 8.	At West Acton—Martin Elmer Clark and Hattie Ann Parks, both of Maynard.
10.	Sept. 8.	At Acton—Seth McAlpin and Olivea Drury, both of Lowell.
11.	Sept. 18.	At Concord—John F. Fitzgerald of Boston and Mary J. Hannon of Acton.

12. Oct. 19. At Acton—Clarence A. Austin and Angie Hayes, both of Sudbury.
13. Nov. 16. At Acton — Adelbert F. Mead and Theodosia Bertha Wright, both of Acton.
14. Nov. 20. At Concord—William C. Mehegan and Mary E. O'Neil, both of Acton.
15. Nov. 21. At Acton — Eddie F. Conant and Mary Etta Pickens, both of Acton.
16. Nov. 26. At Concord—Michael Foley and Joanna Reddy, both of Acton.
17. Nov. 27. At Concord—John F. Coughlin, and Mary T. Waldron, both of Acton.
18. Dec. 24. At Concord—James Williams of Acton and Sarah L. Turner of Concord.

DEATHS RECORDED IN ACTON IN 1889.

No.	Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
	1889.				
1.	Jan. 11.	Daniel Harris,	76	8	11
2.	Jan. 22.	Charles H. Varney,	58	9	1
3.	Jan. 29.	Olive W. Knowlton, wife of Amasa Knowlton,	72	—	—
4.	Feb. 2.	Mary A. Blanchard,	21	—	—
5.	Feb. 5.	Daniel McCarthy,	63	—	—
6.	Feb. 21.	George E. Forbush,	37	10	4
7.	Mar. 2.	Joel Hobart Conant,	75	9	—
8.	Apr. 3.	Thomas P. Owens,	39	—	—
9.	Apr. 9.	Ernest H. Gray,	—	2	14
10.	Apr. 20.	James H. Hannon,	25	5	25
11.	Apr. 28.	Ula Sibley,	26	8	24
12.	May 2.	Joseph W. Tuttle,	84	0	24
13.	May 8.	Mary Hadley,	77	—	—
14.	May 22.	John W. Charter,	71	10	15
15.	May 23.	Franklin A. French,	80	9	21
16.	May 29.	Jonathan W. Loker,	49	8	8

17.	May 30.	Frederick Rouillard,	76	10	26
18.	June 9.	Mabel Armstrong,	41	—	—
19.	June 27.	Arthur L. Cloud,	1	—	—
20.	June 28.	Alfred W. Gardner,	52	10	—
21.	July 19.	Olive Charlotte Dutton,	77	9	8
22.	July 27.	Elmer W. Lawrence,	—	5	8
23.	Aug. 20.	Joseph Reed,	66	11	—
24.	Aug. 30.	Cyrus Hayward,	68	1	5
25.	Sept. 15.	Minnie A. Brown,	26	11	8
26.	Sept. 30.	Charles W. Parker,	50	3	16
27.	Oct. 8.	Thomas Hutchins,	92	1	18
28.	Oct. 26.	Ithamar Robbins,	73	1	—
29.	Nov. 1.	Sarah A. White,	50	—	—
30.	Nov. 13.	Charlotte Barnard,	89	4	—
31.	Dec. 2.	Una Luella Smith,	—	1	7
32.	Dec. 27.	James M. Hendley,	71	1	17

NAMES OF PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1889.

Bertie Hayward,
David Shapley.
E. H. Phalen,
Reuben Reed,
A. Mead,
E. Jones,
Augustus Fletcher,
George Gardner,
William Davidson, 2,
Mrs. George F. Flagg,
Mrs. E. J. Blethen,
Antoine Bulette,
John C. Gates,
R. B. Knowlton,
George G. Keith,
Mrs. Daniel Harris,
A. L. Lawrence, 2, 1 female,
M. E. Taylor,
Charles J. Williams,
John Kelley,
J. K. W. Wetherbee,
John Y. Tucker,
F. E. Wetherbee,
Tuttle, Jones & Weth, 2,
Dana F. Haywood,
A. Knowlton,
John Fletcher,
A. W. Gardner,
F. P. Brooks,
O. H. Forbush,
Daniel H. Farrar,
Sylvester Haynes,
E. E. Fletcher,
Joshua Sawyer, 2,

A. C. Handley,
William H. Philbrick,
E. J. Robbins,
Albert Moulton,
C. S. Simonds, female,
Joseph R. Bassett,
G. H. S. Houghton,
Isaiah S. Leach,
George C. Conant, female,
F. E. Penniman,
John Temple,
C. J. Fletcher,
William B. Davis,
Charles H. Holton,
M. Kerrigan,
Fred Rouillard,
Daniel Tuttle,
Mrs. Eliza Cole,
Thomas J. Sawyer, female,
Luther Conant,
C. J. Holton,
Charles Morris,
George T. Knowlton,
George Conant,
M. H. Worden,
C. B. Stone,
Isaac Barker,
A. Risso, 2, 1 female,
W. F. Stevans,
L. V. Clough,
John McCarthy,
E. G. Kraetzer,
Charles Wheeler, female,
Charles H. Wheeler,
A. L. Noyes,
W. C. Robbins, 2,
W. H. Teele,
S. A. Robbins,
Fred W. Gray,
Thomas Mannion,
E. H. Davis,
Henry Hanson,
Anson C. Piper,
Willie S. Fletcher,
A. F. Sargent,
J. H. Standish,
Daniel J. Wetherbee,
C. B. Sanders, 2,
Samuel Jones, Jr.,
Willis L. Mead,
T. Sullivan,
I. S. Ford,
George W. Tuttle,
Herman Chaplin,
L. W. Pratt,
A. L. Tuttle,
J. D. Coburn,
T. McCarty,
George R. Keyes,
J. R. Houghton,
W. A. Gilmore,
H. Littlefield,
Herbert Pratt, 2,
A. A. Wyman,
Mrs. E. Stone,
A. G. Smith,
D. C. Harris,
O. A. Knowlton,
C. B. Robbins, 2,
Isaac W. Flagg,
F. R. Knowlton,
Edward Willis,
Moses Taylor,
F. W. Green,
F. G. Jones,
W. O'Neil,

C. H. Taylor,	G. T. Barstow,
F. S. Whitcomb,	O. H. Thomspon,
J. L. McCarthy,	J. C. Wheeler, female,
W. H. Jones,	Henry Brooks,
E. B. Forbush,	Jerry McCarthy,
Ralph Crooker,	N. R. Palmer,
N. Littlefield,	G. A. Conant,
A. P. Wood,	William Moore,
F. Pratt,	Henry Willard,
George H. Smith,	E. H. Jones,
W. S. Jones,	John W. Clark,
M. A. Reed,	L. E. Reed,
Thomas Calder,	Henry Haynes,

N. A. Davidson.

Males, 138, at $2.00 each,	$276 00
Females, 8, at $5.00 each,	40 00
Total amount received,	$316 00

WILLIAM D. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

Report of Receipts and Expenditures at the Almshouse in Acton,

For the Year Ending February 28, 1890.

ARTICLES ON HAND FEBRUARY 28, 1890.

7 tons of hay,	$119 00
2 1-2 tons of oat fodder,	25 00
Gluten meal,	13 12
Indian meal,	2 00
Salt,	1 00
Wagon,	70 00
Horse rake,	20 00
Mowing machine,	20 00
Empty barrels,	27 20
Plow,	8 00
Horse hoe,	5 00
12 cows,	504 00
1 horse,	150 00
50 hens,	25 00
20 cords wood,	80 00
15 bushels potatoes,	10 50
200 pounds of salt pork,	20 00
1 barrel apples,	3 00
Canned fruit,	2 00
Pickles,	1 00
Crakers,	70
Flour,	3 00
Tea,	1 85
Coffee,	32
Eggs,	60
Spices,	50

Lard,	$11 00	
Butter,	1 00	
Molasses,	50	
Beef,	50	
Lumber,	4 00	
Coal,	10 00	
		$1,139 79

RECEIPTS FROM TOWN FARM FROM MARCH 1, 1889, *TO MARCH* 1, 1890.

Received for apples,	$190 74	
Milk,	997 56	
Calves,	15 25	
Cow,	3 00	
Poultry,	12 97	
Labor,	1 50	
Potatoes,	35 00	
Eggs,	28 41	
		$1,284 43

EXPENDITURES AT TOWN FARM FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1890.

Axe,	$1 00
Ammonia,	15
Brushes,	2 15
Book,	25
Brooms,	55
Beans,	8 39
Blacksmith bill,	4 07
Butter,	38 09
Barrels,	37 81
Boots and shoes,	9 75
Beef, pork and sausages,	101 83
Curry comb,	18
Coffee,	4 18

Clothes pins,	$ 09
Chimneys,	94
Coal and lumber,	30 54
Chalk,	08
Car fare for Mr. Johnson,	32
Crackers,	38 45
Cream tartar,	76
Crockery,	56
Cloth and clothing,	37 55
Cocoa,	25
Curtains,	70
Cows,	76 50
Cheese,	2 22
Egg food,	25
Extract,	70
Farming tools,	7 30
Fertilizer,	16 10
Flour,	34 96
Fly paper and trap,	32
Fish,	8 83
Garden and grass seeds,	12 15
Glass,	1 30
Grain,	486 88
Glue,	52
Hay knife,	1 00
House paper and border,	7 20
Hardware,	17 07
Insect powder,	42
Jars, tops and rubbers,	33
Jar,	30
Kerosene oil,	2 20
Lard,	2 52
Lemons,	57
Lime and cement,	1 55
L. U. Holt's bill,	12 88
Mustard,	20
Matches,	18
Molasses,	11 50

Mirror,	$ 1 25
Medicine.	2 51
Mowing machine extras,	4 75
Nitre,	25
Paint and oil,	8 32
Potatoes,	12 54
Powder and fuse,	27
Poison,	20
Paris green,	1 50
Pigs,	17 00
Pasturing cows,	21 00
Rice,	40
Raisins,	1 51
Rope,	53
Repairing harness,	5 95
Repairing shoes,	80
Salt,	5 00
Soap,	4 37
Starch,	60
Spices,	66
Stove polish,	42
Scraps,	3 00
Scythe stone,	40
Scythe snathe,	50
Saleratus,	56
Sawing lumber,	32
Sugar,	33 54
Services of H. C. Scarlet and wife,	450 00
E. H. Cutler,	50
L. C. Taylor,	20
A. C. Handley,	2 50
Tea,	7 49
Tobacco,	53
Tinware,	95
Use of bull,	4 00

Vinegar,	$1 16	
Yeast,	1 42	
		$1,690 79
Expenditures,	$1,690 79	
Receipts,	1,284 43	
Income less than expense,		$406 36
Due from treasury to balance account,		406 36
Interest on farm,		240 00
		$646 36
Vitualing and lodging 179 tramps,		71 60
Cost of supporting poor at farm,		$574 76

Whole number of persons, exclusive of tramps, supported at almshouse, 6; average number, 5 1-2; present number, 5.

E. H. CUTLER,
L. C. TAYLOR,
A. C. HANDLEY,
Overseers of Poor.

We have examined the above accounts of the Overseers of Poor, and find them correct.

D. JAMES WETHERBEE,
HIRAM A. HAPGOOD,
Auditors.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the School Year 1889-90.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

IN BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Town of Acton:

Items of regret and congratulation press upon our notice at the passage of another year.

REGRET NO. 1.

The loss of experienced and successful teachers in six of the ten schools in town during one year is a matter of serious disappointment.

Their promotion to other and more responsible trusts implies for our comfort that we have been having for years good teachers, worthy of our confidence and able to command wages and appreciation beyond our range.

We thank them cordially for what they have done for us. We wish them success in striving to do for other communities a like service, possibly one broader and more influential for good.

By prompt action of local committees and the Board, these vacancies have been filled. All the schools at present date are in charge of competent teachers, whose culture and promise of success warrant high hopes for the future.

Let these teachers continue to have the full co-operation of parents and the public, and the best results may be credited before hand on the right side of the account.

Regret No. 2.

The unanimous voice of the teachers and scholars was promptly expressed in season to forestall the intrusion of "La Grippe" on the school grounds.

The doors were locked, the bars were up and "*no admittance*" posted on all the avenues, but she stole a march in the night and had full possession in the morning without even a "please sir."

She was treated gracefully. What else could be done? Her departure to other climes was however hastened. She took the hint and was soon off for a better chance elsewhere. The marks for absence spoiled the looks of the registers for a few days, but they soon resumed their wonted aspect.

None of the scholars in town have been starred; contagious and fatal diseases have kept away.

Let this exemption be counted on the congratulation column, and thank God for the item.

Regret No. 3.

Here and there through the town is found a parent who seems to depreciate the privileges so gratuitously offered to his children, and permits trivial causes to hinder the full benefit.

The rooms are warmed and swept. The teachers are there on time, and in full rig for a day's work: The books and equipments for the best methods are furnished, but where is the pupil who most needs the hints of the faithful teacher and the inspiration of the school drill? *Absent.* He promises to be present the next day, but when the roll is called, *absent* again is the response.

Wednesday he comes. Has he his lesson? Put a few leading questions on the days lessons and his blushing face and stammering tongue tell the story of Monday and Tuesday. He has been off duty. The jury so verdict him. The court pronounces the verdict just, and the sentence goes upon the record for its execution in after years.

Mark this! The officer will be at his post in that appointed future and see that the sentence does not miss its victim.

That there should be one such case in town to the discredit of parent or pupil is a cause for painful regret.

Regret is an easy word to use in the circumstances. The fiery word seems more befitting the case, but that word shall be waved for one more trial.

On the opposite column put these items:

Most scholars do not do so.

Most parents do not do so.

Most of the register's marks are "*present*."

Most of the hours fly richly laden with studious habits and golden freight.

The idlers are the exception, thanks to loving parents and faithful children.

REGRET NO. 4.

In taking a rapid general retrospect of the year's impression in the school room, this lingers in the mind.

They do not read as well as they ought to. What is the matter? Do they not pronounce the words correctly? Yes, as a rule, remarkably well. They voice their words so as to be heard? Yes, that is not the line of grievance. They stand erect, hold their books so you can see their faces and start off on time? Yes, they do that fairly well. But here is the trouble:

There is a lack of proper personal conception and expression of what is read.

The inflections do not vary with the shifting sentiments.

There is a halt where there should be a quickened step.

There is a low tone where the tone should be intensified.

There are more commas than those printed in the book, and the author probably knew best how many to put in.

Naturalness. This grace in reading is more often found in the Primary department than in the higher grades.

What is the reason? Let not our older scholars lose their freedom as they advance up the grades of scholarship.

One good sentence properly studied, and properly expressed is worth pages of unappreciated and unexpressed repetition.

Items in the opposite column on the credit side.

There are a goodly number of lively, expressive, natural readers scattered through the town, and they will be heard from in the coming days, unless they lose their first love, and falling back join the ordinaries.

Bashfulness. Don't mention it. Be brave and act out yourselves, if the ordinaries do laugh at you.

The laugh will change sides if you can wait long enough.

Regret No. 5.

Outward influences often lead an earnest teacher to raise the question whether he shall not relinquish his trust. Other occupations allure his ambitious eye, and the tempter asks why not indulge? He pictures to his view the quietness and leisure of the home, the farm or the shop, and asks why may I not enjoy this luxury of repose?

Why subject myself to this constant fret and criticism of methods and results? Let the jaded mind wait for the calmer hour before decision.

The fate of culture hangs on the delay. The teacher if he will hold his place may catch an inspiration from pupils here and there crossing his path which shall take him above the drudgery of his profession to the celestial heights.

The accumulation of knowledge is largely dependent upon incidental circumstances. These are furnished by the demands of the school room

Questions are suddenly pressed upon the teacher's notice, which lead to investigations in new and rich fields of scientific inquiry, literary culture or historic lore.

All that is required in many minds is that some eager pupil propound a question involving difficulty, and an effort is made to meet that difficulty.

Time is taken for researches which otherwise would not be thought of, or if thought of attempted.

A scholar asks you to bound British America. This is one of the familiar questions of your early school days, but when proposed to you in later life by a scholar doubting your ability to give a correct answer, British America means something new to you. You resolve to know more about it; you will be able to define not merely its political boundaries but its peculiar physical organization, its capacities of mineral or agricultural wealth, its commercial relations now existing and in prospect, its extent in comparison with your own country, its importance as a friendly allied power in time of peace, its resources of military annoyance and aggression in war, and the next opportunity given to you by the ambitious scholar will be improved in pouring this acquired knowledge upon his astonished and gratified ear.

You do not like the study of language but a scholar differently constituted from yourself, whose culture in this direction has far out run your own, comes to you with the sparkling eye of a new interest, and tells you what he has learned about a given word, how it has come to be adopted into your own mother tongue, what it means in the original language from which it is derived, how it came to have that meaning in some distant period of a by-gone-age, how it has fought its way to position in philological contests of the best scholars, how it has soothed the aching heart in moments of sorrow; how it has fired the patriot when lifting the arm for his country's defence; how it has affiiliations binding together different tongues in the past, and ranging out in still wider circles in the near and distant future. You silently condemn yourself for your ignorance and indifference.

You ask why may not I have a share in this strange charm of linquestic inquiry, and you begin to know something which you did not know before; to love something which you did not suppose worthy of that love, and this love im-

pels you to efforts which bring you large returns of knowledge.

If one wishes to have a fact of science, or history, or language established in his memory, let him be compelled by his position to memorize, explain, and illustrate the fact to a class of intelligent pupils; facts which but for this collision would escape notice and become imbedded in the mind.

If you have travelled with scholars in geography among the mountains of Asia, these mountains become a fixture in your mental vision. The map of Asia is suggestive of old familiar scenes which you have visited in loved companionship. The boundaries of states and nations are remembered because you have established their limits with scholars whose faces you cannot forget. You have heard them give those boundaries with tones that still linger in your ears. Mistakes which were at the time laughable which set the whole room in an uproar and gave you not a little irritation, may be the very circumstances which shall make sure your knowledge of the facts in debate.

What is especially desirable in a teacher is a glow for knowledge for its own sake. This will have a contagious effect upon himself and his surroundings.

If he is born this may so much the better, but if he is not so born, he may have a *new birth*, which shall seem almost like nature's first start.

Prof. Stuart of Andover, the great enthusiast, in the study of language, had a habit of projecting his tongue when he had suddenly struck upon some new meaning of an old Hebrew root, dry as the dry rot to most minds. It was an unclassical position for the tongue. That could not be helped The discovery was a nugget of gold to him. His face was an inspiration to all in his presence.

They might go to the ends of the globe in after years, but the professor's tongue would travel with them to the banks of the Ganges, and give them nerve to search for the mysteries of a new language to be learned.

One loved teacher in mathematics was so absorbed with the beauty of a demonstration in geometry that he would rub his hands together with an unction which thrilled the entire class with a love for the study.

The highest conceivable satisfaction after all, which any one can have in any sphere of life, in time or beyond time, is the consciousness that *he is doing his duty*, and that the Infinite One is looking complacently upon his work, and is really saying with each earnest blow for the right, "Well done good and faithful servant."

No affluence of fortune, no heights of position, no compliments of friends, no gratifications of taste can be a substitute for this. This the teacher may have as the perennial solace of his life, and as the one light that shall cheer the dark passage to another and better world.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The record of the school year would be defective without a reference to the Teachers' Institute, at South Acton, Friday, December 13.

The towns represented by Committees and Teachers were Concord, Acton, Maynard, Carlisle, Sudbury, Stowe, Boxboro, Littleton. These numbered 75. They were furnished with a bountiful collation at noon, arranged by the ladies, in the Universalist vestry, which was duly appreciated by the guests. The exercises were held in the High School room, which was filled with an audience intensely interested in the programme, provided by the State Board of Education. It consisted of an address by Secretary Dickinson upon the principles of teaching. Superintendent Aldrich of Putney, Mass., on teaching arithmetic: Arthur C. Boyden of the Bridgewater Normal School, on Physiology; Superintendent

E. H. Davis of Chelsea, a native of Acton, on Primary reading; Henry T. Bailey, State Agent, upon drawing.

Agent Walton spoke of the absorbing interest with which the exercises of the Institute had been received, and thanked the people for their generous hospitality. He referred to the Institute as being in all particulars one of the most satisfactory ever held in the State. His warm words of gratification were fully responded to by the audience and the authorities of the town.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The graduating exercises, Friday, June 28, in the Town Hall, showed an unabated interest in the school. The hall was crowded. The exercises were well received, and the occasion one to be remembered.

PROGRAMME.

Class Motto:—"HOPE LIGHTENS LABOR!"

MUSIC.

Prayer, - - - - - - - - REV. MR. HEATH

Salutatory, - - - - - - LILLIAN F. RICHARDSON

Essay, - - - - - - - - ALBERT J. REED

"A Glimpse of the Capital."

MUSIC.

Essay, - - - - - - - EFFIE V. LITTLEFIELD

"Have We Found It?"

Essay, - - - - - - - - CARLOS B. CLARK

"Sources of Light."

MUSIC.

Essay, - - - - - - - VIOLA A. PRESTON

"Sculptors of Life are We."

Essay, - - - - - - - HENRY L. LIVERMORE

"Our Navy."

MUSIC.

Essay, - - - - - - ALBERTA V. LITTLEFIELD

"The Legend of Magog."

Essay, - - - - - - - LILLIAN F. RICHARDSON
"Weaving."

MUSIC.

Essay, - - - - - - - HATTIE E. TUTTLE
"Spring and Summer Voices"

Prophecy, - - - - - - - - ALBERT J. REED

MUSIC.

Valedictory, - - - - - - - CARLOS B. CLARK

Presentation of Diplomas.

MUSIC.

Three years' course of the High School, subject to changes which may hereafter be made, according to the judgment of the Committee and the light of experience.

FIRST YEAR.

First Term.—Arithmetic and Book-keeping, alternating. English Grammar and Composition. General History.

Second Term.—Arithmetic and Book-keeping, alternating. English Grammar and Composition. General History.

Third Term.—Arithmetic and Book-keeping, alternating. Rhetoric begun. Botany.

SECOND YEAR.

First Term.—Algebra begun. Rhetoric continued. Physiology.

Second Term.—Algebra continued. English Literature begun. Physics begun.

Third Term.—Geometry begun. Physics continued. English Literature continued.

THIRD YEAR.

First Term.—Geometry continued. Latin begun. Chemistry begun.

Second Term.—Physical Geography. Latin continued. Chemistry continued.

Third Term.—Civil Government. Latin. Geology.

Four recitations in each branch per week, Wednesday, with a different programme, including compositions, reading, spelling, drawing, and other miscellaneous recitations as shall be deemed the most important at the time.

The monthly written test in this school, and in all the schools, is considered the fairest and surest proof of the real progress made. If properly considered, it reveals the weak or strong points of scholarship. These are considered in silence, and each pupil must depend upon his own independent resources, unembarassed by the interference of schoolmates, committee, or the public.

Each pupil having the same questions, the result determines the absolute and relative standing.

For the sake of public inspection the doors are open to visitors at any time which may suit their convenience. More frequent visits by parents and friends are welcome.

New impressions may thus be received and wrong impressions corrected, and a better understanding be established between all the parties concerned in the education of the schools.

The whole number of pupils in the High School for the year was 34.

Number of pupils over 15 years of age,	21
Number of pupils under 15 years of age,	13
Total average membership,	30.83
Total average attendance,	28.16
Per cent. of attendance,	91.34
Number of applicants in the written examination in June,	20
Number admitted entitled to certificates,	10

Mr. Armstrong, the Principal, has been doing valiant service, and the apparent interest in the school on the part of those attending has never been surpassed.

Order, discipline and studious habits have been steadily rising.

A severe domestic blow fell upon himself and family in the sickness of his loved companion early in the year.

He has encountered this heavy draft upon his powers with an equanimity which has ensured the equipoise of the school and the grand results of the year.

THE CENTRE SCHOOL.

Grammar Department—Summer and Fall Terms.

MISS FANNIE L. PERRY, - - - Teacher.

The school was fortunate in again retaining the services of Miss Perry during two terms of the year.

At the close of the Fall term she tendered her resignation, to accept of a position nearer home. She was the recipient of a pleasing token of appreciation from her scholars at the close of her work, and left the scene of her labors with the assured benedictions of pupils, parents, committee, and the public. Her impress is upon all who have had the benefit of her instructions, nor will it be effaced as the years roll by.

Winter Term.

The first part of the Winter session was in charge of Miss Viola S. Tuttle, who has had the steerage of that lively company of South Primaries for so long a time. They were sorry to have her go, and we were sorry to have her leave, but the circumstances beyond control pointed that way. She evidently felt the embarassment of the change, but entered upon her work in an earnest, faithful style. She was beginning to feel quite at home in the higher grade. The scholars came to understand her methods, and were working toward a harmonious result, when her own health and that of her mother, required a dismissal of the care.

Another break became necessary for a week and two days, when Miss Ida J. Bishop of North Acton, went into the school as a substitute for Miss Tuttle.

Teacher and pupils soon affiliated and lost time has been made up, so that the term of thirteen weeks has been successfully completed with less damage than could be anticipated.

Center Primary Department—Spring Term.

Miss Blanche E. Henshaw continued in charge of this school with increasing satisfaction during the term, but late in the summer vacation receiving a call to go elsewhere to a position more remunerative and responsible, tendered her resignation much to the regret of her scholars and committee

CENTER PRIMARY.

Fall Term.

Miss Alice M. Mackintosh, - - Teacher.

Miss Mackintosh was from Needham, a graduate of Needham High School and the Framingham Normal School. This was her first trial in teaching, and she entered upon her duties, little appreciating the difficulties of the position. She was zealous and faithful. Her methods were good, and with more experience and in other circumstances, she may win unqualified testimonials. She left with the best wishes of all for her future success.

CENTER PRIMARY.

Winter Term.

Miss Sarah E. Hammond, - - Teacher.

Miss Hammond is a graduate of Harvard Academy. She has had successful experience as teacher in Harvard and Pepperell. The Primaries have fallen into her line of methods, have had a good winters term, and are in the way to go on pleasantly and steadily in the future.

There have been changes, quite sufficient for one year. Let teacher and pupils combine for the best and happiest work.

THE NORTH SCHOOL.

Miss Jessie F. Jones, - - Teacher.

There has been no change of teacher in this school, except for a few days, when Miss Jones being sick with " La-Grippe" Miss Ida J. Bishop acted as substitute.

Miss Jones returned to her care in season to close the thirteenth week's term for the winter. There has been steady improvement in all directions during the year.

The teacher has shown great fidelity to her trust, and has been unsparing of time and strength in working up the school to its present satisfactory condition.

There has been thoroughness in the mode of instruction in all branches, which it is always a pleasure to witness.

The recitations in language and grammar have been especially marked with thought. If all questions have not been answered correctly, the answers have been given in a way to prove study and sure advancement. The order has been excellent and reached with mutual good understanding between teacher and pupils.

THE EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Susie E. Wetherbee, - - Teacher.

This school has had a full year of continuous peace and progress, in charge of the same experienced teacher, as reported in former years. Promptness, studiousness, showing gratifying interest in the studies, accommodation to the teacher's plan, order, vivacity, naturalness, are the features of the school which strike the eye whenever visited.

The public half day at the close of the winter term, was furnished with a programme, which was executed with wonderful celerity and satisfaction. The local committee man had been especially unfortunate in his arrangements for the weather, a stubborn cold northeast snow storm, the worst of the season, in full blast during the session. There was comfort, good cheer and pluck in doors all the same.

There was an encouraging attendance of ladies present, notwithstanding the storm. Nor were they silent witnesses of the scene, but added words of commendation, which fell graciously on the ears of the boys. They are mostly boys in this school.

SOUTH EAST SCHOOL.

Spring Term.

MISS LAURA A. BROWN, - - - Teacher.

The characteristics of this school noticed in previous reports remained during the closing term of Miss Brown's teaching. She was devoted to the personal welfare of her charge, and ready to lend a helping hand when and where most needed. Good wishes of pupils, parents and committee will follow her in her future life. Not soon can her long continued and faithful exertions be forgotten.

Fall and Winter Terms.

MISS HATTIE E. TUTTLE, - - Teacher.

Miss Tuttle was a graduate of the Acton High School, and without experience as a teacher took the school with a determination to succeed, and the success which she resolved upon has happily come. She has shown aptitude to teach, force in discipline, and thoroughness in methods, and the school has gone on prosperously under her charge.

"La-Grippe" came as an unwelcome intruder in the last part of the winter term, and Miss Tuttle was seriously ill for a few days, but will complete the thirteenth week of the winter term at the close of this week.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Grammar Department.

MISS CLARA A. JOHNSON, - - Teacher.

Miss Johnson is a graduate of the Farmington Normal School, Maine, has large and successful experience as a teacher, and came to her work wfth flattering testimonials.

The expectations which preceded the beginning of her work in Acton have been fully met. The school has been especially favored by her dignified, thorough, earnest devotion the duties of the school room. She has sought to modestly, yet zealously, and impartially, to reach substan-

tial culture and lasting results. The scholars and the public have come to understand her methods and motives, and have joined with her in reaching the consumation of the year.

The large and gratified company present on the last public day were of one mind in the expression of approval.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Spring and Fall Terms.

MISS VIOLA S. TUTTLE, - - - Teacher.

The school was again favored with the efforts of Miss Tuttle during these two terms. They were marked with the same earnest, judicious, and experienced qualities which have been recorded heretofore. Though at times her strength has faltered, yet no physical faltering has lessened the ardor of her ideal for the future of the school.

But for circumstances beyond her control she would have remained at her post, repeating and improving upon herself.

WINTER TERM.

MISS HADESSA L. SHARP, - - Teacher.

Miss Sharp had had large experience in teaching, and good Normal and High School training in preparation for her work. She came among us a stranger, and encountered many embarassments and discouragements at the beginning of her work.

These she met with good perseverance, and finally worked up to a grade of order and interest among the scholars and to a better understanding among the parents, which prepared the way for the pleasant surprise of all at the closing exercises.

These were especially meritorious and deserved the praise which was so cordially expressed. There was a wide-awake and intelligent command of body and mind on the part of the youthful competitors, which made us older ones to wish for a moment that we were young once more and could have, just for a day, the gush of the April morning.

THE WEST SCHOOL.

Grammar Department.

MISS NELLIE A. HANSON, - - Teacher.

Spring and Fall Terms.

This school enjoyed the continued instructions during the Spring and Fall Terms, and the first week of the Winter Term of their former teacher, Miss Hanson.

Never were her methods or results more satisfactory, and great regret was expressed that the attractions beyond our control should lead her to part company with her Acton charge for that of any other locality; but so it came to pass. Vale! Vale! But God speed just the same if better services and destinies betide her elsewhere. We will not be too selfish in these matters of vicissitude and disappointment.

WINTER TERM.

MISS ALICE J. HOAR, - - - Teacher.

Miss Hoar was a graduate of the Acton High School, and this was he first experience in teaching.

She has made a good beginning, in circumstances especially embarassing. She has scholarship traits of mind and heart, which with the co-operation of pupils and parents ought to command satisfaction and success in the future. Let her have the full benefit of the chance, and time to work out results, to the gratification of all concerned.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Spring and Fall Terms.

MISS C. LETTIE, NEWTON, - - Teacher.

She kept on doing just as she had been doing for so many years, in charge of these primaries, pleasing all, improving steadily as the years wore on, when suddenly the scene changed and she was among the absent worthies of the past in the Acton roll of teachers.

The good work she has done cannot be undone, even though she has taken her departure. The primaries have sub-

mitted to the change with good grace, and are trying to go on in the line of progress. They wish for her success in her new efforts elsewhere, not forgetting the good start which her labors have given to themselves here.

WINTER TERM.

MRS. HARRIET H. GARDNER, . - Teacher.

Mrs. Gardner began her care of this school in the latter part of the Fall Term, and continued through the Winter Term.

She had taught school in town with success in previous years, and a return to the teacher's position, under the circumstances, was quite congenial to her tastes.

She has order, kindness, originality and enthusiasm in the school room, which promise the best results among the youthful company. The West Primaries catch the first dawn of light in the morning, and guage the weather bulletin at a glance, and they ore fortunate, *so they think* if they cannot have Miss Newton they can have Mrs. Gardner, and so go on their way with tripping step.

Respectfully submitted after adoption by Committee,

JAMES FLETCHER, *Superintendent.*

TABULAR STATEMENT FOR 1889-'90.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Length of schools.	Whole No. scholars	Av. membership.	Av. attendance.	Per ct. attendance.	Under 5 years.	Over 5 years.	Over 15 years.	Between 8 and 14.
Acton High	A. W. Armstrong,	36	34	30.83	28.16	91.24	0	34	21	13
Center Grammar,	Fannie L. Perry, Viola S. Tuttle, Ida I. Bishop,	36	20	18.5	16.93	91.57	0	20	1	19
Center Primary,	Blanche E. Henshaw Alice Mackintosh, Sarah E. Hammond,	36	23	16.45	13.98	85.	0	23	0	7
S. Grammar	Clara A. Johnson,	36	34	26.25	23.8	90.88	0	34	1	21
S. Primary,	Viola S. Tuttle, Hadessa L. Sharp,	36	43	38.75	33.07	85.30	0	43	0	18
West Grammar,	Nellie A. Hanson, Alice J. Hoar,	36	34	31.96	30.78	96.30	0	34	2	33
West Primary,	Lettie C. Newton, Harriet H. Gardner,	36	46	43.44	39.	90.	1	45	0	24
North,	Jessie F. Jones,	36	27	22.22	20.18	90.82	0	27	0	20
East,	Susan E. Wetherbee,	36	25	23	20.21	88.	0	25	1	15
Southeast,	Laura A. Brown, Hattie L. Tuttle,	36	15	15	13.8	29.	0	15	1	13

Number between 5 and 15 years, as reported by the Assessors for the year 1889, 267.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, MIDDLESEX SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County of Middlesex, Greeting :—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the seventh day of April, A. D. 1890, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To fill all vacancies in the list of Town officers and committees.

ART. 3. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of schools, and for school supplies for the present year, and do or act anything thereon.

ART. 4. To see what amount of money the Town will raise to repair the roads the present year, and do or act anything thereon.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate six hundred dollars, to be divided equally between the Centre, South and West villages, to be expended under the direction

of the Selectmen in building cement sidewalks in said villages during the months of June or July next, or do or act anything thereon.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will re-shingle the school house at South Acton.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will purchase camp-chairs for the Town hall.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the dedication of the Memorial hall and Library building, or do or act anything thereon.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Memorial hall and Library, or do or act anything thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the due observance of Memorial day, or do or act anything thereon.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to have the Assessors' valuation for the current year printed, or do or act anything thereon.

ART. 12. To see what amount the Town will raise to defray Town charges for the present year, or do or act anything thereon.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will choose a Superintendent of Burials.

ART. 14. To vote by ballot, "Yes or No," in answer to the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town the present year?"

ART. 15. To consider and act upon the acceptance of the Jury List, as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee and other Town officers.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.

ART. 18. To hear the reports of any committees chosen to report at this meeting, and do or act anything thereon.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to remove the obstructions from the sidewalk adjoining the store belonging to Luke Blanchard in West Acton.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to widen the roadbed eight feet on the turnpike leading from West Acton to Concord, from a point on said road near the cigar factory of F. R. Knowlton to a bend in said road near the gravel bank of said Knowlton's, and widen the bridge and sluices six feet, the total distance being 1,934 feet, or take any action thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will pay George M. Pike one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will appropriate a suitable amount of money to provide and place a tablet commemorating the services of the Isaac Davis Guards during the late war, on the monument at Acton Centre, or in any public building within the Town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies, attested by you, in the following places: One at the Post Office in the centre of the Town, one at the store of Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, one at the store of C. H. Mead & Co., one at the Nagog house, and one in each of the railroad stations in the Town, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doing thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands, in Acton, this the twenty-fifth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

HOWARD B. WHITE,
WILLIAM F. STEVENS,
GEORGE R. KEYES,
} *Selectmen of Acton.*

TOWN OFFICERS For 1890.

Town Clerk,

William D. Tuttle.

Selectmen,

Howard B. White, Wm. F. Stevens, George R. Keyes.

Assessors,

Phineas Witherbee, Chauncy B. Robbins, John White, Aaron C. Handley, Thomas F. Noyes.

Overseers of Poor,

Elisha H. Cutler, Lyman C. Taylor, Aaron C. Handley.

Town Treasurer,

Jona. K. W. Wetherbee.

Auditors,

Hiram J. Hapgood, D. James Wetherbee.

School Committee,

Charles J. Williams, David C. Harris, . .	3 years
Alphonso A. Wyman, William S. Jones, . .	2 years
Charles L. Bradford, Rev. James Fletcher, .	1 year

Cemetery Committee,

John Fletcher, Wm. W. Davis, Levi W. Stevens.

Fence Viewers,

Nahum C. Reed, Oliver W. Mead, Frank Hosmer.

Surveyors of Lumber,

Wm. B. Davis, Wm. S. Warren, Levi W. Stevens, Ed. F. Richardson, George H. Harris, Chas. A. Brooks, Herbert T. Clark.

Surveyors of Wood.

Wm. B. Davis, Geo. H. Harris, Henry D. Parlin, Solomon L. Dutton, Charles H. Taylor, John F. Davis, Herbert T. Clark.

Surveyor of Hoops and Staves,

Augustus Fletcher.

Fish Committee for 1889,

Luther Conant, Elnathan Jones, John Fletcher, Frank H. Whitcomb, Charles J. Williams.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF THE—

TOWN OF ACTON,

—FROM—

February 26, 1890 to February 26,

1891.

HUDSON:
THE ENTERPRISE PRINTING COMPANY,
1891.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Acton in Account with J. K. W. Wetherbee, Treasurer.

1890.	*Dr.*		
Feb. 26.	To cash paid State tax,	$1,172 50	
	" " County tax,	1,078 85	
	" " on Selectmens orders,	16,903 37	
	Outstanding orders,	1,117 24	
	balance due the Town,	1,296 46	
			$21,568 42

1890.	*Cr.*		
Feb. 26.	By cash in the Treasury,	$830 85	
Received	for rent of Chapel rooms to April 1, 1890.	33 00	
	of John Redfearn, druggist's license,	1 00	
	" H. T. Clark, for loam,	4 20	
	" C. B. Robbins, for old plank,	4 00	
	" Rev. J. Fletcher, balance due the Town on account of school supplies,	54 37	
	" Dr. I. Hutchins for druggist's license,	1 00	
	" John Redfearn for druggist's license,	1 00	
	" Town of Concord, one-half expenses of erecting bound near Dudley place,	3 15	
	" M. A. Reed, for two tons of hay sold from Woodlawn Cemetery,	14 00	

" L. W. Steven, for lots sold in Mt. Hope Cemetery,	25 00	
" Town of Methuen, for aid furnished Byron Austin,	5 00	
" Amasa Knowlton, for old posts.	80	
" Town of Shutesbury for aid furnished Wm. F. Reed,	33 17	
" Bay State League, rent of schoolroom,	2 00	
" State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	716 51	
" State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	665 20	
" State Treasurer, Military aid, Chapter 279, Acts 1889,	54 00	
" State Treasurer, State aid, Chapter 301 Acts 1889,	252 00	
" Nathan Johnson, for old flag rope,	50	
" District Court, of Central Middlesex, for fines,	130 65	
" State Treasurer, income of Mass. School Fund,	164 87	
" State Treasurer, for dog tax,	241 67	
" Rev. J. Fletcher, school supplies sold,	10 92	
" Julian Tuttle, rent of Town Hall and cellar,	42 00	
" E. A. Phalen, for taxes for 1889,	1,431 56	
" E. F. Conant, for taxes for 1890,	12,886 00	
" Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, borrowed money,	1,500 00	
" Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, for borrowed money,	1,500 00	
" Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, borrowed money,	600 00	
" Wm. D. Tuttle, borrowed money,	300 00	
" John Fletcher, for lots sold in Woodlawn Cemetery,	12 00	
" Interest on money in bank,	48 00	
		$21,568 42

Treasurers Report of Money held for care of Lots in Cemeteries.

Dr.

To Hepsibeth Piper Fund,	$50 00	
Interest on Hepsibeth Piper Fund,	2 00	
Frederick Rouillard Fund,	100 00	
Cash received from Town on account of interest on Frederick Rouillard Fund,	3 00	
		$155 00

Cr.

By cash paid N. Johnson for labor on lot of Hepsibeth Piper,	$2 00	
Cash paid N. Johnson, for labor on lot of Frederick Rouillard,	3 00	
Cash in Treasury,	150 00	
		$155 00

J. K. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of the Town of Acton.

ACTON, Feb. 1891.

We have audited the accounts of the Treasurer of the Town of Acton, and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE, } *Auditors of the Town of Acton.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Center School.

Paid Rev. James Fletcher, for teachers,	$720 00		
" " care of house,	65 00		
" " fuel,	74 92		
" " cleaning rooms,	6 00		
" " incidentals,	2 41		
		$868 33	

West School.

Paid A. A. Wyman, for teachers,	$720 00		
" " care of house,	78 00		
" " cleaning rooms,	2 63		
" " fuel,	65 88		
" " incidentals,	3 76		
		$870 27	

South School.

Paid C. L. Bradford, for teachers,	$720 00		
" " care of house,	90 00		
" " cleaning rooms,	6 50		
" " fuel,	42 62		
" " incidentals,	7 63		
		$866 75	

North School.

Paid D. C. Harris, teachers,	$360 00		
" " care of house,	25 50		
" " fuel,	39 75		
" " incidentals,	2 50		
		$427 75	

East School.

Paid C. J. Williams, teachers,	$360 00	
" " care of house,	27 00	
" " cleaning rooms,	3 50	
" " fuel,	46 86	
" " incidentals,	3 00	
		$440 36

South-east School.

Paid W. S. Jones, teachers,	$324 00	
" " care of house.	15 00	
" " cleaning rooms,	5 00	
" " fuel,	21 00	
" " incidentals,	4 65	
		$369 65

High School.

Paid A. W. Armstrong, for teaching,	$920 00	
Janitors, care of rooms,	34 00	
N. Johnson, moving furniture,	5 00	
Geo. Gardner, rent of organ,	15 00	
" " " piano,	10 00	
C. L. Bradford, cleaning room,	2 00	
" " incidentals,	65	
" " fuel,	19 32	
		$1,005 97

School Supplies.

Paid A. W. Armstrong,	$8 11	
Rev. James Fletcher,	410 56	
		$418 67

STATE AID.

Paid Allen G. Smith, Chap. 279; Acts 1889,	$60 00
Wm. F. Wood, " "	36 00
Warren B. Ball, " "	40 00
Richard G. Dane, Chap. 301; Acts 1889,	60 00
Luke Smith, " "	48 00
Mary Smith, " "	48 00
Rebecca C. Wright, " "	48 00
Almira H. Loker, " "	48 00
Mary J. Brown, " "	24 00
Eliza J. Shattuck, " "	40 00

Mary A. Rand,	"	"	18 00	
Susan B. Winn,	"	"	16 00	
Achsa Hanscom,	"	"	4 00	
				$490 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid E. H. Cutler, deficiency on farm to March 1, 1890,			$406 36	
E. H. Cutler, aid of Mrs. Trainor,			36 00	
"	"	" Emily F. Towne,	30 50	
"	"	" Clara Wheeler,	169 93	
"	"	" Albert L. Brooks,	8 36	
"	"	" Richard Temple,	169 56	
"	"	" W. F. B. Whitney,	31 75	
"	"	" Kinsley children,	193 50	
"	"	" Mrs. Marshal Jones	157 00	
"	"	" Ruth Pike,	54 00	
"	"	" Wm. F. Reed,	33 17	
"	"	" Byron Austin,	5 00	
"	"	" Amos Brooks,	29 12	
"	"	" Julia A. Collins,	9 25	
"	"	" Hannah Stanton,	15 50	
"	"	" J. E. Harris,	104 01	
"	"	" W. B. Ball,	123 50	
"	"	" Martha E. Robbins,	22 14	
"	"	" Mrs. J. Quinlan,	91 34	
"	"	Expenses to Portland,	9 30	
"	"	Two journeys to Waltham,	4 00	
"	"	Three journeys to Lowell,	4 50	
				$1,707 79

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid N. Johnson, labor in Woodlawn and on monument grounds,		$52 48	
John Fletcher, memorial signs,		3 50	
"	trees,	7 75	
"	freight on trees,	1 76	
"	iron for signs,	25	
"	posts,	50	
E. Jones & Co., stock for seats in Woodlawn,		9 15	
R. L. Reed, painting letters on tombstone,		1 50	
Moses A. Reed, mowing Woodlawn,		40 95	
L. W. Stevens, labor at Mt. Hope,		57 60	
			$175 44

PRINTING.

Paid A. Hosmer, 500 town orders,	1 65	
" 300 envelopes,	1 05	
" notices,	1 20	
Enterprise Printing Co., warrants,	10 25	
" " notices,	3 00	
" " 600 town reports,	53 00	
" " 500 sheet reports,	10 00	
A. C. Handley, Assessors' notices,	1 85	
H. F. Glidden, poll tax lists,	6 50	
" 800 copies of valuation,	38 40	
		$126 90

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid A. A. Wyman, services as ballot clerk to Nov. 1, 1890,	$3 00	
D. J. Wetherbee, services as ballot clerk, to Nov. 1, 1890,	3 00	
Julian Tuttle, services as registrar of voters to May 1, 1890,	12 00	
S. A. Guilford, services as registrar of voters to May 1, 1890,	12 00	
C. W. Chadwick, services as registrar of voters to May 1, 1890,	12 00	
William D. Tuttle, services as registrar of voters to May 1, 1890,	15 00	
Rev. James Fletcher, Supt. of Schools,	125 00	
Phineas Wetherbee, Assessor,	150 00	
C. B. Robbins, "	129 00	
A. C. Handley, "	45 00	
John White, "	105 00	
T. F. Noyes, "	100 00	
L. U. Holt, sealer of weights and measures, 1890,	10 00	
William D. Tuttle, Town Clerk,	30 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, Town Treasurer,	50 00	
William F. Stevens, Supt. of Roads,	25 00	
George R. Keyes, Selectman,	45 00	
Wm. F. Stevens, "	45 00	
Howard B. White, "	85 00	
		$1,001 00

DEDICATION OF LIBRARY.

Paid John Fletcher, envelopes, stamps and express,		$21 95	
F. A. Searle, posters,		3 00	
Thomas Todd, printing,		36 50	
H. W. Murch, committee badges,		7 60	
N. Littlefield,	for team,	9 00	
A. Bulette,	"	4 00	
A. L. Tuttle,	"	4 00	
Luke Tuttle,	"	5 00	
N. Davidson,	"	3 00	
J. E. Cutter,	"	10 00	
James B. Tuttle,	"	3 00	
George Livermore,	"	5 00	
H. E. Bean,	"	3 00	
George N. Noyes,	"	2 60	
Horace Tuttle,	"	12 00	
George Worster,	"	1 00	
R. M. Yale & Co., tent,		45 26	
A. H. Jones, teaming tent,		1 75	
George L. Noyes, "		1 50	
Freight on tent,		1 40	
G. L. Noyes, expenses of foreman for tent,		1 75	
R. M. Yale & Co., flags for decorations,		1 00	
Rev. James Fletcher, expenses of decorations,		23 24	
Adelphi quartette,		18 00	
Drum corps,		15 00	
Hon. John D. Long,		20 00	
Dr. C. B. Saunders, expenses of entertainment,		18 81	
			$278 36

LIBRARY EXPENSES.

Paid D. J. Wetherbee, for insurance by vote of town, $180 00

Bills Approved by Trustees.

Paid Ida A. Hale, services at library to June 14th, 1890,	$44 88	
Hattie E. Tuttle, services at library to June 14th, 1890,	30 25	

Susie E. Conant, services at library to June 14th, 1890,	9 79	
For chimneys,	60	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, record book,	3 75	
" " " lawn mower,	13 75	
Rev. J. Fletcher, ink,	35	
100 postal cards,	1 00	
Window screens,	16 85	
Fitting screens,	1 50	
Rev. James Fletcher, repairing door,	1 75	
Francis Conant, mason work,	1 50	
J. E. Cutter, 25,695 lbs. coal,	80 30	
D. A. Cutler, carrying books,	20 00	
Ida A. Hale, services as librarian to Mar. 1st, 1891,	75 00	
Julian Tuttle, services as janitor,	66 70	
L. Barta & Co., 10,000 library slips,	9 25	
A. Hosmer, printing 100 notices on postal cards,	1 60	
A. Hosmer, printing 250 acknowledgments,	1 50	
A. Hosmer, printing 100 letter heads,	40	
A. Hosmer, printing 100 envelopes,	30	
L. U. Holt, repairs,	9 12	
		$390 14

EXPENSES ON ROADS ORDERED BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Paid J. W. Hayward, award of damages,	$ 10 00	
W. Kinsley, moving wall of J. W. Hayward,	10 50	
E. C. Parker, moving wall,	58 50	
Estate of Chas. Parker, removing fence,	10 00	
Wm. H. Kingsley. building bridge,	400 00	
N. Littlefield, labor on Leland Stevens road,	367 16	
N. Littlefield, irons for bridge on Leland Stevens road,	7 85	
Wm. H. Kingsley, labor on Leland Stevens road,	7 25	
H. T. Clark, labor on railings on Leland Stevens road,	4 00	

T. McCarthy, 50 bound stones for turnpike,	17 50	
Chas. Wheeler, 50 bound stones for turnpike,	17 50	
Chas. Wheeler, labor setting bounds on turnpike,	8 50	
N. Littlefield, labor setting bounds on turnpike,	23 17	
Wm. D. Tuttle, surveying,	8 00	
W. F. Stevens, 4 casks cement,	6 40	
		$956 33

EXPENDED ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Chas. Wheeler, highway work,	$698 45
Nahum Littlefield, " "	763 19
Francis Pratt, " "	724 69
Henry Warden, " "	2 50
J. Kinsley, use of road for Hurley,	8 00
H. W. Clapp & Co., grating for sluice,	2 34
Chas. Wheeler, 3 covering stone,	1 56
Chas. Wheeler, covering stone,	5 30
E. Jones, covering stone,	1 60
Francis Conant, labor on sluice, South Acton,	3 80
Wm. H. Kingsley, labor on sluice, West Acton,	36 80
Francis Pratt, labor on sluice at Fletcher corner,	2 00
N. Littlefield, labor on sluice, Boxboro line,	35 80
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, drain pipe,	34 46
F. R. R. Co., freight on drain pipe,	1 58
E. Jones & Co., lumber for railings,	14 61
E. Hall & Sons, posts for railings,	5 40
N. E. Bean, nails and irons for railings,	33
S. Jones, Jr., labor at powder mill bridge,	7 11
Francis Pratt, teaming plank at powder mill bridge,	9 00
E. Jones & Co., 5170 feet plank for powder mill bridge,	160 27

E. Jones & Co., keg spikes for powder mill bridge,		2 62	
American Powder Mills, repairs upon bridge,		1 50	
J. P. Brown, blacksmith bill,		6 10	
N. Littlefield, blacksmith bill,		12 07	
D. H. Farrar, blacksmith bill,		3 01	
Francis Pratt, powder and fuse,		1 25	
Chas. Brooks, repairs upon scraper.		2 75	
A. H. Jones, repairing washout,		50	
N. Littlefield, breaking out roads,		1 90	
" plow beam,		2 25	
" powder and fuse,		6 80	
" rakes and hooks,		2 85	
F. R. Knowlton, 367 loads gravel,		18 35	
Silas Conant, Jr., 318 "		15 90	
L. Rouilliard, 181 "		9 05	
N. A. Davidson, 65 "		3 25	
F. H. Whitcomb, 246 "		12 30	
Isaac Reed, 134 "		6 70	
Abram Tuttle, 36 "		1 80	
Ai Robbins, 113 "		5 65	
W. D. Tuttle, surveying on great road,		75	
H. B. White, freight on sluice grating,		50	
J. Mains and J. McCarthy, cutting tree,		2 00	
			$2,638 64

EXPENDED ON BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Paid Julian Tuttle, grading at town hall,	$20 45	
L. U. Holt, labor at town hall,	7 00	
E. Jones & Co., lumber and nails for hearse house,	23 95	
S. Jones, Jr., labor and stock for repairs on hearse house,	15 57	
R. L. Reed, painting hearse house,	8 15	
E. Jones & Co., shingles for South school house,	108 76	
E. Jones & Co., nails for South school house,	3 25	
E. Jones & Co., zinc and lead for South school house,	4 08	
S. Jones, Jr., labor shingling South school house,	51 20	

W. S. Jones, stove for South East school house,	15 00
Rev. J. Fletcher, repairs at Center school house,	35 51
Charles Wheeler, grading at Center school house,	4 75
N. Johnson, labor on Center school grounds,	23 64
C. W. Pitman, repairs at Center school house,	7 50
N. Johnson, repairs at Center school house,	7 53
Francis Conant, repairs at Center school house,	4 25
L. U. Holt, repairs at Center school house,	5 25
F. W. Green, repairs and grading at West school house,	10 97
A. A. Wyman, repairs and grading at West school house,	8 80
A. A. Wyman, 21 seats for West school house,	54 25
W. L. Mead, painting at West school house,	9 15
F. E. Harris, repairs at West school house,	10 16
L. U. Holt, repairs on West school house,	11 60
H. T. Clark, repairs on West school house,	11 05
C. L. Bradford, repairs and grading at South school house,	15 37
Francis Conant, repairs at South school house,	7 25
E. Jones & Co., nails and lumber for South school house,	19 00
L. U. Holt, repairs at South school house,	6 92
Francis Jones, painting at South school house,	21 64
S. Jones, Jr., repairs at South school house,	18 47
Francis Conant, repairs at East school house,	6 19
C. J. Williams, repairs at East school house,	5 30

D. C. Harris, repairs at North school house,	40 47	
D. C. Harris, repairs on fence at North school house,	60 11	
L. U. Holt, repairs at North school house,	7 05	
L. U. Holt, pump and tubing at North school house,	7 80	
D. C. Harris, covering stone for North school well,	7 00	
D. C. Harris, cleaning North School well,	5 00	
		$689 39

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid for record book for Selectmen,	75
for ledger for Selectmen,	1 75
N. Johnson, repairs on hearse,	1 05
for special police badges,	6 20
H. B. White, license blanks,	50
H. B. White, expenses of Board of health,	1 55
H. B. White, express on town reports,	50
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, pad-lock for hearse house,	1 25
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, assessors' books,	2 94
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, collector's book,	1 50
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 4 iron hitching posts,	16 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 9 doz. folding chairs,	90 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, freight and teaming chairs,	2 62
Isaac Davis Post G. A. R., for Memorial day,	100 00
T. McCarthy, stone guide post,	2 50
Dodge, Haley & Co., 225 ft. chain for railing,	6 75
Express on chain,	30
State Treasurer, 1-4 license fees,	75
N. E. Bean, rail irons, at hall and library,	5 00

Julian Tuttle, setting posts and putting up railings,	1 80
R. L. Reed, stock and labor painting railings,	2 15
H. R. Hosmer, painting guide boards,	1 50
N. Johnson, fixing town pump,	50
N. Johnson, repairing flag,	25
L. E. Reed, superintending three burials,	9 00
Dr. A. H. Rose, services for Board of Health,	3 00
Silas Conant, digging well North school house,	75 00
Silas Conant, cementing well North school house,	2 50
Spofford Robbins, guide boards,	80
E. Jones & Co., coal for hall,	19 97
Phineas Wetherbee, copying poll tax and valuation lists,	12 50
Phineas Wetherbee, stationery, postage and express,	1 50
C. H. Dodge & Co., putting shelves in town safe,	21 56
S. Jones, Jr., labor on guide boards,	25
E. F. Conant, discount on taxes,	724 69
M. F. Whiton & Co., flag rope,	1 20
E. F. Conant, services as constable five Sundays,	5 00
Jas. Devane, painting and lettering signs,	2 25
Jas. Devane, painting hearse,	25 00
Jas. Devane, painting hearse runners,	5 00
Geo. Heywood, bounty tax refunded,	17 42
L. V. Clough, reward for conviction of illegal sale of liquors,	50 00
M. B. Garfield, painting guide boards,	2 25
E. A. Phalen, summoning town officers to take oath,	3 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, for postage,	3 32
" for express,	2 70
" stationery and dog license blanks,	2 90
" collecting and recording 33 births,	16 50
" recording 39 deaths,	5 90
" recording 24 marriages,	3 60

J. K. W. Wetherbee, stationery and postage,	2 25	
H. B. White, stationery, express and postage,	4 42	
Julian Tuttle, care of town hall and clock,	60 25	
Chas. Clements, expenses in Harriman case,	2 00	
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies for town hall,	7 84	
I. F. Duren, attending 27 burials,	81 00	
I. F. Duren, making return of 21 deaths,	5 25	
		$1,427 93

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

C. L. Angier,	for 1890,	$2 00
G. Regan,	"	2 00
John Campbell,	"	2 00
William G. Dunn,	"	2 00
George Donald,	"	2 00
Robert W. Dowling,	"	2 00
Smith Finney,	"	2 00
Harry Fletcher,	"	2 00
Luther Conant, guardian of Lottie Goodnow, 1890,		85 00
Anthony J. Goding,	for 1890,	2 00
H. G. Gates,	"	42
George Harris,	"	2 00
William Hill,	"	2 00
Michael J. Hayes,	"	2 00
Richard Larkin,	"	2 00
Clayton McGlusking,	"	2 00
Thomas Morey,	"	2 00
Samuel Mann,	"	2 00
George W. Mason,	"	2 00
Malcom Melaine,	"	2 00
Peter Morrison,	"	2 00
David Maguinis,	"	2 00
Anton Mulduth,	"	2 00
E. W. Quimby,	"	2 00
James Roady,	"	2 00

Charles S. Robbins,	"	2 00	
James Sawyer,	"	2 00	
Rolla Starks,	"	2 00	
Peter Trainer,	"	2 00	
W. G. Tilton,	"	2 00	
Ivory Waterhouse,	"	2 00	
Michael Walsh,	"	2 00	
Clarence Whitcomb,	"	2 00	
Errors,	"	55	
Mary E. Cutler,	"	4 25	
Michael Baker,	"	2 00	
Fred Mann,	1889 tax,	2 00	
George Kinsley,	"	2 00	
Joseph Noyes,	"	2 00	
N. R. Palmer,	"	5 22	
			$165 44

LOANS AND INTEREST

Paid Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, one years interest on $1000 note,	50 00	
W. D. Tuttle, note and interest,	304 50	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, on account of interest on bequest of F. Rouillard for care of lot,	3 00	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, note,	1,500 00	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, interest on note 5 per cent.,	56 25	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, note,	600 00	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, interest on note 5 per cent.,	11 75	
		$2,525 50
		$18,020 61

RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 26, 1890.	$830 85	
due from Collector of taxes, Feb. 26, 1890,	1,592 10	

Appropriations for Town charges,	4,000	00
schools,	4400	00
highways,	2300	00
overlayings,	185	21
State tax,	1172	50
County tax,	1078	85
library,	400	00
Rec'd from State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	716	51
" " Nat. Bank tax,	665	20
" " Military aid,	54	00
" " State aid,	252	00
" " income of Mass. School Fund,	164	87
Chapel society, rent to April 1, 1890,	33	00
John Redfearn, druggist's license, to May 1, 1890,	1	00
John Redfearn, druggist's license, to May 1, 1891,	1	00
I. Hutchins, druggist's license to May 1, 1891,	1	00
H. T. Clark, for loam,	4	20
C. B. Robbins for old plank,	4	00
Rev. Jas. Fletcher, overdrawn on school supplies,	54	37
Town of Concord, one-half expense of erecting bound,	3	15
Moses A. Reed, hay from Woodlawn Cemetery,	14	00
L. W. Stevens, lots sold in Mt. Hope Cemetery,	25	00
Town of Methuen, aid furnished Byron Austin,	5	00
A. Knowlton, old posts,		80
Town of Shutesbury, aid furnished W. F. Reed,	33	17
rent of So. school room,	2	00
N. Johnson, old flag rope,		50
District Court, for fines,	130	65
County Treasurer, dog tax,	241	67
Interest on money in bank,	48	00
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee, borrowed money,	3,600	00
W. D. Tuttle, borrowed money,	300	00
Julian Tuttle, rent of Town Hall and cellar,	42	00

Rev. James Fletcher, school supplies sold,	10 92	
John Fletcher, lots sold in Woodlawn Cemetery,	12 00	
		22,379 52

EXPENDITURES.

For Centre School,	$868 33	
West School,	870 27	
South School,	866 75	
North School,	427 75	
East School,	440 36	
Southeast School,	369 65	
High School,	1,005 97	
School supplies,	418 67	
State and military aid,	490 00	
Support of poor,	1,707 79	
Cemetery expenses,	175 44	
Roads ordered by County Commissioners,	956 33	
Printing,	126 90	
Town officers,	1,001 00	
Roads and bridges,	2,638 64	
Town buildings and grounds,	689 39	
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,427 93	
Loans and interest paid,	2,525 50	
State tax,	1,172 50	
County tax,	1,078 85	
Abatement of taxes,	165 44	
Dedication of library,	278 36	
Library,	570 14	
		$20,271 96
Balance due from E. A. Phalan, taxes 1889,	$160 54	
" " E. F. Conant, taxes 1890,	650 56	
" " Treasurer,	1,296 46	
		$2,107 56
		$22,379 52

TOWN DEBTS.

Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, note and interest,	1,023 61	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, note and interest,	1,551 25	
		$2,574 86
Less amounts due from Collectors and Treasurer,		$2,107 56
Balance against the Town, Feb. 26, 1891,		$467 30

HOWARD B. WHITE,
WM. F. STEVENS,
GEORGE R. KEYES,
Selectmen of Acton.

ACTON, Feb. 26, 1891.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
Auditors of the Town of Acton.

Report of Receipts and Expenditures at the Almshouse in Acton

For the Year ending Feb. 28, 1891.

ARTICLES ON HAND FEBRUARY 28, 1891.

1 horse,	$140 00
12 cows,	480 00
Grain,	4 00
Salt,	50
9 1-2 tons hay,	152 00
1 wagon,	70 00
Mowing machine,	20 00
Horse rake,	20 00
Horse hoe,	5 00
1 plow,	8 00
126 empty barrels,	22 68
Lumber,	2 00
8 market boxes,	80
20 cords wood,	70 00
Coal,	6 00
50 hens,	25 00
13 bushels potatoes,	13 00
Apples,	1 00
300 lbs. pork,	24 00
2 dozen cans preserves,	5 00
2 gallons pickles,	60
Soap,	50
Flour,	7 75
Crackers,	30
Tea,	1 44
Starch,	40
Coffee,	50
Lard,	9 00
Mustard,	20
Butter,	50
Fruit jars,	2 50

4 dozen eggs,	80	
40 lbs. ham,	4 80	
		$1,098 27

RECEIPTS FROM THE TOWN FARM FROM MARCH 1, 1890, TO MARCH 1, 1891.

Received for apples,	$ 93 95	
Milk,	1,062 21	
2 beef cows,	32 00	
Lard,	1 10	
Calves,	15 75	
Wood,	5 00	
Sweet corn,	75	
Potatoes,	25 63	
Cabbages,	4 61	
Poultry,	75	
Eggs,	27 81	
		$1,269 56

EXPENDITURES AT TOWN FARM FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1891.

Axe handles,	$ 52
Butter,	31 60
Brooms,	2 08
Beans,	10 80
Boots and shoes,	11 35
Boxes,	40
Basket,	70
Brush cutter,	85
Blacksmith bill,	8 78
Cheese,	1 46
Coffee,	4 43
Castings,	3 95
Cloth and clothing,	56 99
Curtains,	1 75
Crockery,	1 68
Canned fruit,	40
Cattle cards,	16
Clothes-pins,	15
Cream tartar,	1 14

Crackers,	31 09
Chocolate,	19
Coal,	13 36
Clock,	1 50
Cows,	90 00
Disinfectants,	1 67
Eggs,	71
Evaporated apple,	48
Extract lemon,	22
Fruit trees,	5 25
Furniture,	4 60
Flower pots,	40
Fruit jars,	1 50
Fertilizer,	7 00
Fish,	3 82
Flour,	34 40
Glass,	$1 40
Grass and garden seeds,	8 10
Gelatine,	16
Grafting wax,	45
Grain,	473 29
Hardware,	8 09
Jugs,	50
Keeping cows,	14 00
Kerosene oil,	1 65
Lamp wicks,	08
Labor,	16 55
Lemons,	31
Lime and cement,	70
Lumber,	8 46
Meat,	126 67
Molasses,	14 75
Medicine,	2 57
Matches,	33
Mustard,	40
Mop,	45
Onions,	25
Oyster shells,	55
Paint and Oil,	8 18
Putty,	21
Pork bbls,	1 50
Paper and bordering,	1 14
Pipe and labor on pump,	6 14
Potatoes for seed,	4 00
Pigs,	13 00
Poultry,	75

Paris green,	67	
Powder,	40	
Rope,	2 13	
Rosin.	08	
Repairs on mowing machine,	2 75	
Raisins,	3 02	
Stove,	6 00	
Scythes,	2 00	
Salt,	2 18	
Soda,	46	
Seed sower,	4 25	
Stove polish,	46	
Soap,	4 35	
Scraps,	1 35	
Starch,	49	
Spices,	95	
Sugar,	32 78	
Services of H. C. Scarlet and wife,	450 00	
Services of E. H. Cutler,	50 00	
Services of L. C. Taylor,	15 00	
Services of A. C. Handley,	5 00	
Tin ware,	1 25	
Tea,	1 00	
Tomato plants.	38	
Use of bull,	9 25	
Varnish,	3 12	
Vinegar,	1 76	
Wheelwright's bill,	6 00	
Wire netting,	5 35	
Whitening and papering,	4 54	
Wheat,	17	
Water pail,	17	
Yeast,	1 04	
		$1,668 36
Expenditures,		$1,668 36
Receipts,		1,269 56
Income less than expense,		$398 80
Due from the treasury to balance account,		$398 80
Interest on farm,		240 00
		$638 80
Victualling and lodging 163 tramps,		65 20
Cost of supporting poor on farm,		$573 60

Whole number of persons exclusive of tramps supported at almshouse, 4
Average number, 4
Present number, 4

E. H. CUTLER,
LYMAN C. TAYLOR,
AARON C. HANDLY,
} *Overseers of Poor.*

We have examined the above accounts of the Overseers of the Poor and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
} *Auditors.*

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR 1890.

BIRTHS RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF ACTON IN 1890.

Jan.	3.	Eva Idelle, daughter of Willis L. and Julia A. Mead.
	3.	Mary Catharine, daughter of Michael and Mary Welch.
	11.	Lois, daughter of Charles W. and Edith Pitman.
	20.	Frank and Cornelius, twin children of Frank and Margaret E. Moan.
Feb.	11.	Luke, son of James L. and Margaret A. McCarthy.
	12.	Wallace Melvin, son of George O. and Edith Penniman.
	18.	Julia Helena, daughter of Thomas and Hannah McCarty.
Mar.	1.	———, a daughter to Joseph G. and Mary V. Begin.
	14.	Perley A., son of James A. and Nettie Fowler.
April	24.	Ena May, daughter of Geo. H. and Cora E. Smith.
	30.	———, a daughter to Timothy and Ellen Sullivan.
May	30.	John Francis, son of John Jr. and Mary A. McCarthy.
June	1.	William F., son of William and Mary Hayes.
	10.	Pauline, daughter of Rev. Geo. W. and Sarah E. Stearns.
	28.	Eugene William, son of Wm. O. and Emma I. Hubbard.
July	2.	Lydia H., daughter of Geo. H. and Ida L. Brooks.
	10.	Gladys W., daughter of Newton E. and Hattie A. Bean.
	12.	Grace Emily, daughter of Martin H. and Lizzie M. Worden.
	26.	Edith Frances, daughter of Joseph William and Mary Alice Evans.
Aug.	11.	Arthur Joseph, son of Michael O. and Annie Kerrigan.
	15.	Mary Ellen, daughter of Michael and Johanna Foley.
	26.	Florence Irene, daughter of Irving V. and Nellie F. Whitcomb.
Sept.	6.	Florence Mabel, daughter of William and Mary Wilson.
	13.	In Bucksport, Me., Sumner Cole, son of Roswell L. and Annie B. Tuttle.
	19.	Mary Ellen, daughter of William C. and Mary E. Mehegan.

Oct. 21. Robert, son of Geo. R. and Lizzie M. Livermore.
25. James William, son of John F. and Mary T. Coughlin.
Nov. 1. Helen Laura, daughter of Alphonso A. and Laura A. Wyman.
17. Ella Louise, daughter of Loren C. and Rachel Baldwin.
19. ———, a son to David C. and Betsey J. Harris.
Dec. 5. Eva, daughter of Simon and Sarah Kabalchnick.
8. Russell Billings, son of Geo. L. and Emma L. Quimby.

Males, 14; females, 19; total, 33.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN ACTON IN 1890.

DATE.	NAME AND RESIDENCE OF PARTIES.	WHERE MARRIED.
Jan. 1.	William D. Hooper of Acton, Adah Ingham of Concord.	Bedford.
8.	Elmer E. Handley of Acton, Lizzie B. Ireland of Littleton.	Boston.
Feb. 11.	William J. Hayes of Acton, Mary E. Forest of Acton.	Concord.
24.	George H. Brooks of Acton, Ida L. Dane of Acton.	Acton.
Mar. 12.	Plinny M. George of Eastford, Conn., Edith Anna Wheeler of Acton.	Acton.
22.	Will Murray Charlton of Acton, Minnie Mildred Tapley of Acton.	West Acton.
April 26.	Thaddeus Clem of Concord, Frances M. Brigham of Concord.	Acton.
24.	William H. Kingsley of Acton, Carrie M. Frye of Dracut.	Lowell.
May 14.	Samuel Mann of Acton, Bridget Hoffman of Acton.	Concord.
June 5.	William C. Boyd of Hudson, Arvilla G. Vidito of Acton.	Hudson.
12.	Edwin P. Woodward of Acton, Velma Augusta Hosmer of Acton.	Acton.
July 23.	R. Byron Moore of Arlington, Carrie F. Hanson of Acton.	Acton.
Aug. 17.	Clarence D. Cram of Townsend, Ada M. Jones of Acton.	Acton.
Sept. 1.	Giles A. Barber of Acton, Maggie A. McCaig of Boxboro.	So. Framingham.
15.	William A. Noyes of Acton, Laura S. Atwood of No.Cambridge.	Newport, R. I.

Oct.	8.	Jona Davis Richardson of Acton, Ellen S. Fairbanks of Hudson.	Waltham.
	8.	Myron L. Chaffin of Acton, Nancy S. Quinton of Walpole, N. H.	Bellows Falls, Vt.
	16.	Fred H. Dickerman of W. Swansea, N. H., Lottie S. Richardson of Acton.	W. Acton.
	18.	David Millett of Acton, Ida L. Richardson of Acton.	W. Acton.
	22.	William R. Burr of Acton, Emily Randall of Maynard.	Acton.
Nov.	5.	Peter Dean of Acton, Mary J. Landry of Acton.	Concord.
	19.	Hiram E. Gates of Acton, Etta A. Tuttle of Acton.	Acton.
	27.	Lorenzo E. Reed of Acton, Emma A. Pratt of Acton.	Littleton.
Dec.	18.	William Daniels of Whitman, Annie Bishop of Acton.	North Acton.

Total number, 24.

DEATHS RECORDED IN ACTON IN 1890.

Jan.	15.	Clarence W. Brown, 31 years, 8 months, 27 days.
	16.	Edward Tuttle, 72 years, 8 months, 20 days.
	29.	Levi L. Pratt, 18 years, 6 months, 8 days.
	29.	Thomas F. Lawrence, 78 years, 4 months, 27 days.
Feb.	3.	Loretta Lawrence, 45 years, 27 days.
	24.	Elbert W. Kingsley, son of William H. and Ellen E. Kingsley, 5 years, 4 months, 1 day.
Mar.	15.	Isaac F. B. Temple, 76 years, 2 months, 17 days.
	18.	Charles H. Taylor, 38 years.
	16.	Elizabeth M. McCarty, daughter of Thomas and Hannah McCarty, 5 years, 21 days.
Apr.	13.	Mary Ann (Hosmer) Hapgood, widow of John Hapgood, 83 years, 10 months, 13 days.
	18.	Elsie Annie Arnold, 22 years.
	30.	Infant daughter of Timothy and Ellen Sullivan, 1 day.
May	6.	Francis Joseph Jackman, 21 years, 12 days.
	9.	Wallace M. Penniman, son of Geo. O. and Edith Penniman, 3 months.
	21.	Lavinia Redfearn, wife of John Redfearn, 42 years, 9 months, 21 days.

June 2. William F., son of William J. and Mary Hayes, 1 day.
10. George W. Peltier, 29 years.
26. William Warren Davis, 66 years, 2 months, 29 days.
29. Freeman Williams, 43 years, 6 months, 21 days.
July 12. Rebecca (Nye) Blanchard, widow of Nathan Blanchard, 90 years.
20. Ebenezer Davis, 78 years, 11 months, 5 days.
Aug. 3. Nathaniel S. Faulkner, 83 years, 6 months, 24 days.
15. William G. Dunn, 76 years, 11 months.
15. Medora A. Mott, wife of Alonzo Mott, 54 years, 11 months, 7 days.
18. Elma G. Stone, 15 years, 11 months, 20 days.
20. Sarah Sophia Tuttle, wife of Luke Tuttle, 47 years, 7 months, 5 days.
22. Cornelius Moan, son of Frank and Margaret Moan, 7 months, 2 days.
22. William Hanson, 87 years, 6 months, 10 days.
Sept. 5. Sarah L. (Goward) Morehouse, wife of Wm. Morehouse, 81 years, 8 months, 21 days.
6. David Rynn, 74 years.
25. Lois, daughter of Chas. W. and Edith Pitman, 8 months, 14 days.
30. Lydia H., daughter of Geo. H. and Ida L. Brooks, 2 months, 28 days.
Oct. 19. Elbridge Robbins, 79 years, 6 months, 26 days.
19. Martha M. Wayne, widow of John Wayne, 78 years, 5 months, 14 days.
23. Robert, son of Geo. R. and Lizzie M. Livermore, 2 days.
24. Ruth (Dole) Fletcher, widow of Daniel Fletcher, 78 years, 9 months.
28. Bella (Batchelor) McGreen, 53 years, 3 months, 9 days.
Nov. 23. Frederick Mann, 34 years, 5 months.
Dec. 5. John Francis, son of John Jr., and Mary Ann McCarthy, 6 months, 5 days.

Total number, 39.

NAMES OF PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1890.

Isaac W. Flagg (for 1889),
James P. Brown,
Charles H. Holton,
Geo. H. Smith,
C. A. Harrington,
Chas. J. Williams,
Luke Tuttle,
Reuben L. Reed,
Geo. W. Ball,
E. J. Blethen,
Charles Morris,
J. C. Hunt,
E. Eddie Fletcher,
A. J. Fletcher,
Augustus Fletcher,
Danie F. Hayward,
Chas. B. Stone,
Mrs. Frances A. Stone,
Chas. S. Moulton,
Geo. A. Smith,
John Temple,
Thomas Mannion,
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 2,
E. F. Shapley,
C. S. Symonds, (female),
W. W. Philbrick,
Frank D. Barker,
Mrs. Geo. F. Flagg,
L. W. Stevens,
Daniel H. Farrar,
Antoine Bulette,
Thomas McCarty,
Geo. B. Gowen,
Moses A. Reed,
Geo. W. Peltier,
Ralph Crooker,
Wm. Mehegan,
Lawrin W. Pratt,
Solon A. Robbins,
T. J. Sawyer, (1 female),
Samuel Jones, Jr.,
John W. Randall,
Wm. F. Stevens,
Chauncy B. Robbins, 2,
Arthur Hughes, 2,
Blanche Bassett,
John Kelly,
Alexander Allen,
Isaac Barker,
James Hussey,
Mrs. C. H. Taylor,
F. S. Whitcomb,
Geo. T. Knowlton,
Adelbert Mead,
A. A. Wyman,
Geo. W. Tuttle,
Mrs. Joseph Cole,
Henry M. Smith,
L. E. Reed,
C. H. Mead & Co.,
Alonzo Mott,
C. J. Holton,
A. A. Knowlton,
Moses Taylor,
Webster C. Robbins, 2,
E. J. Robbins,
Neils Jansen,
M. E. Taylor,
A. L. Lawrence, 2 (females),
A. L. Lawrence, 1 (male),
Wm. B. Davis,
Fred G. Jones,
Francis Pratt,
Hiram Woodruff,
Daniel Tuttle,
J. H. Standish,
Herbert A. Pratt, 2,
H. A. Littlefield,
William J. Moore,
Warren H. Jones,
O. A. Knowlton,
Fred Penniman,
Walter A. Gilmore, 2,
Geo. Conant,
Ephraim B. Forbush,
Michael Kerrigan,

Fred W. Green,
Otis H. Forbush,
F. P. Brooks,
Luther Conant,
A. L. Noyes,
John W. Clark,
Isaac S. Ford,
Henry Hanson, 2,
Sylvester Haynes,
Fred W. Reed,
Geo. R. Livermore,
G. H. S. Houghton,
Wm. S. Jones,
Abel Cole,
Ed H. Jones,
Mrs. Daniel Harris,
Geo. T. Barstow,
Carrie A. Simonds,
Chas. B. Sanders,
Willie S. Fletcher,
A. C. Handley,
D. J. Wetherbee,
William Wilson,
Bishop & Son,
Wm. Davidson,
D. C. Harris,
E. G. Kratzer,
A. L. Tuttle,
F. R. Knowlton,
Jerry McCarthy,
Nahum Littlefield,
James Devane,
Henry Willard,
Isaac W. Flagg,
J. L. McCarthy,
Fred Sprague,
Charles Wheeler, (female),
Chas. H. Wheeler,
Geo. H. Brooks,
A. Risso, (1 male),
A. Risso, (1 female),
S. Hammond Taylor,
Martin H. Worden,
R. G. Brooks.

Whole number of dogs, 138; males, 132; females, 6; males, 132 at $2, $264; females, 6 at $5, $30; whole amount received from licenses, $294.

WM. D. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

Acton, March 6, 1891.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

Acton Memorial Library.

LUTHER CONANT,
ADELBERT MEAD,
MOSES TAYLOR,
DELETTE H. HALL,
HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
HOWARD B. WHITE,
WM. D. TUTTLE,
Rev. JAMES FLETCHER,

Trustees.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

of the Acton Memorial Library, 1890-91.

The Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library, in presen to the Town their first annual report, would congratulate Town on its great good fortune in having such an institu established within its borders. A solid, substantial structu brick and freestone, roomy, convenient and elegantly fini and furnished with every convenience for its use, situated most favorable location on the main street in the centre o town, with ample. well kept grounds around it, we may t say that it is the ideal Public Library for a country town like We would also congratulate the public spirited donor of library, that his large hearted and wisely planned beneficence taken the form it has.

While it is a worthy monument commemorating the d of brave men in the past, it is and will continue to be, at same time, a living fountain of knowledge and inspiration to inhabitants of the Town in the unbounded future. The lib was opened to the public June 14th, 1890, consequently has in running order about nine months, and we may safely sa has proved a source of unalloyed satisfaction to all who enjoyed its privileges. Our citizens generally, old and yo alike, have eagerly sought its advantages, and have found i increasing source of instruction and entertainment. Especi to the young people of the town is this institution likely to b the very greatest importance and value, supplementing as it the instruction in our schools.

More and more as the years roll on is the public lib coming to be the college of the people, so that given the mea of education our common and High Schools afford, there is limit to the attainments in science and literature which our dren and youth may attain.

READING ROOM.

Through the abounding generosity of Mr. Wilde, the reading has been well supplied with the standard Magazines of the and other reading matter.

The privileges of this department of the library appear to be appreciated, and few library days and evenings pass when the is not surrounded with interested visitors.

The reading room, well warmed and lighted as it is, by its ul janitor, with its capacious and easy chairs, forms a most ant and attractive place of resort.

The Trustees have held meetings once a month or oftener, hich a majority has usually been present, and it has been constant endeavor to make such arrangements for the dis- tion and care of the books, and everything pertaining to the y as would give satisfaction to the public.

EXPENDITURES.

The Town appropriated at its annual meeting in April last, 00 for the current expenses of the library. This sum would been fully sufficient for the year had it not been for ex- s incurred in cataloging the books, and other expenses in- t to the starting of a new enterprise like this, and which ses are not likely again to be incurred for some years to . For a detailed account of the expenditures see Selectmen's t.

In view of the rare generosity of the worthy donor, and the and permanent value of this institution to the Town, we ak for it your favorable consideration.

The Librarian, Miss Ida Hale, has proved capable and effi- , has taken good care of the books in the library, has kept oom with neatness and in order, and is commended for ptness and courtesy in the performance of her duties.

In this connection we would say a word in reference to the ul handling of the books (the Librarian does not like to). This is an important matter and every safeguard should opted to protect them from abuse. All patrons of the library requested to see that books are properly cared for while eir possession, and that they are safely returned to the y.

The janitor of the library, Mr. Julian Tuttle, has taken excellent care of the buildings and grounds, and deserves praise for the efficient manner in which the heating and lighting of the building has been performed.

STATISTICS.

Number of volumes now in the library, . . . 4167
Number of volumes at the time of opening, . . . 3973

Of these 3458 volumes were the gift of W. A. Wilde; 97 volumes, Mrs. C. D. Wilde; 350 volumes, Ginn & Co., Boston; 36 volumes, American Unitarian Association; 20 volumes, American Swedenborgan Society; 11 volumes, Lee & Shepherd, Boston; 1 volume, S. K. Abbott, Malden.

Books and other articles donated to the Library since the opening:

From Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C., . .	22 vols.
Estes & Lauriat, Boston, ...	18 "
City of Boston, ...	22 "
Luther Conant, Esq.	27 "
Massachusetts State Library, ...	10 "
Acton Centre Grammar School Library, . .	38 "
Acton Centre Social Library, ...	22 "
Willis B. Allen, Boston, ...	5 "
Aaron T. Hayward, Boston, ...	3 "
F. T. Greenhalge, Lowell, ...	9 "
William Barrett, Esq., Concord "Social Circle," .	2 "
C. J. Williams, Esq., Hist. of Middlesex County,	3 "
D. C. Corey, Malden—Fiske's Civil Government,	1 "
Rev. James Fletcher, "Acton in History," . .	1 "
" " Hist. of N. Brookfield, .	1 "
Dr. E. T. Eastman, Boston, ...	1 "
Dr. R. M. Lawrence, "The Lawrence Family," .	1 "
Hon. John S. Keyes, "Concord Celebration of '85,"	1 "
U. S. Government, ...	1 "
Silas Hosmer, Concord, Centennial Celebration at Concord, in 1875, ...	1 "

Mrs. O. H. Folger, Lawrence,	1	"
Joseph Dalton, Boston,	1	"
E. A. Goodnow, Worcester,	1	"
Mrs. R. F. Dyer, Ottawa, Ill.,	1	"
George T. Angell, Boston,	1	"
Total,	194	"

Other articles of value donated to the library:

From A. M. Lothrop, Washington, D. C., clock for the library.

Friends of W. A. Wilde, Esq., of Malden, crayon portrait of Mr. Wilde.

Mary D. Richardson and children, crayon portrait of the widow of Capt. Isaac Davis.

Moses Taylor, Esq., two swords, one carried by Mr. Taylor's grandfather, at the battle of Bennington, and the other by Capt. Silas Jones, at South Boston.

Edwin J. Piper and brother, of Springfield, the drum and sword belonging to Major Josiah Piper, of Acton.

W. A. Wilde, Esq., engraving of Gen. Grant.

L. C. Baldwin, South Acton, plate for clock.

Silas Hosmer, Concord, "paper cutter," made from one of the timbers of the Old North Bridge.

Eugene L. Hall, photographs of Library, etc.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

From October 11, 1890, to March 11, 1891, a period of five months, a total of 5770 books were issued from the library. Previous to October 11, no record was kept, but it is safe to say that about 9000 volumes have been taken from the library since the opening. No diminution of public interest is apparent.

The greatest number issued in one day, was 228, on March 7, 1891.

Number of library cards issued to present time 586.

Fines collected, $12.67.

For the Trustees,

WILLIAM D. TUTTLE,

Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For the School Year 1890-61.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Town of Acton:

But for the annual March meeting, the jottings of the calendar, the singing of the blue-birds, and the courteous reminders of the fathers of the town that the School Report is due, we should be inclined to question the statement.

The wheels of Time glide swiftly and quietly over the track, and we fail to note their passage till some of the way-stations are reached.

What about the Report? Much the same as in former years. Regrets repeated and emphasized. Changes among the teachers, a fair average. Parental co-operations, the usual percentage. Epidemics, not fatal, but in some schools at times serious and detrimental to the surest and happiest progress. The attendance of the scholars, with some painful exceptions, encouraging to Teachers and Committee. Progress in studies, decidedly hopeful. Fidelity, earnest work, tact, patience and success among the teachers, variable, but quite up to the level of former reports.

The Ideal School.

Have you seen the ideal school anywhere within the Acton lines?

What do you mean by the ideal school? Is it the school where the teacher is a model of serene temper, repressing every passionate word and feeling, patiently enduring all the irritations of the varying moods of the scholars, weather and personal conditions, quick to detect the idle, mischievous or studious habit in any part of the room, brave to sound the alarm when the crisis of disorder is reached, wise to do the right act at the right moment — when to make a mistake is

to imperil the tone of the school for months — loving and caring for the good of every scholar on the roll as if standing in the mother's or father's place, with no hobby for any particular study of the curriculum, but with an intense zest for every line of knowledge, with a motive power reaching far into the heavens, which poor pay and unappreciating returns cannot drag from the heights?

Those teachers are rare. Perhaps not that ideal has been seen on Acton soil within the year. Some actual specimens have at least suggested that ideal. We are thankful for the approximate.

Again the question returns: "What do you mean by the ideal school?"

Is it the school where order reigns supreme mistress of the whole department, through the aisles, through the desks, from the platform to the rear, crosswise and lengthwise, from the crown of the head to the tip of the foot, the teacher a mirror for the scholars and the scholars each separate mirrors for the teacher, papers, pencils, books, slates, all obedient to the same silent power, the voice of the teacher one of love and authority sweetly blended, the voice of the scholar a re-echo of the teacher's; where all ambitions are helpful to the general good, where the little jealousies and bickerings of the outside world find no entrance, where the sparkling eye tells the story of some new hidden treasure reached in the search for knowledge, where the gleesome word leaps from the mouth unconsciously: "I have caught one!" Caught what? "One of those golden moments, flying by with yellow wings, swifter than light."

Yes, something like that has been seen; not, to be sure, just like that, but more like that than anything else. Where? In what part of the town? Visit the schools and make your own independent judgements. Do not take the statements of Committeeman or of your next door neighbor, who may have some freak of personal favoriteism or prejudice, unfounded, but go for yourselves. Not with a scowl, not with

an alien tone, not with glasses that magnify the smallest foibles into huge monsters of frightful mien, not when the nerves are tired with the jangle of poor results in the kitchen or at the dinner hour; but go when the good angels are with you, and if you do not see the vision charge the fault where you please, but be sure you do not make any mistake in that charge.

Different Points of View.

The merits or demerits of a school or teacher depend upon where you take in the perspective.

View it from the tax-payer's stand, and what should be his judgment? We will wait for a moment and let him have the floor:

"When the tax bills come in this is my first thought: It is a large sum for a poor man like me to pay every year; but upon taking breath I say 'all right.' I would not live in a town where I could not have this chance of paying a reasonable amount for schools. I am not rich enough to afford this economy of letting the children grow up in the range of my estates without school training. When I go out upon my lands and put in those sturdy strokes which tire the muscles, I remember that some of those strokes are to pay the teachers for educating the children of our town, and half the fatigue leaves me at the thought. I have no children of my own, but all the children of the hamlet become mine when I pay and work for their good. I at once feel the nobility of a pater familias on a large scale, and the days and nights go by with a glow. Yes, gentlemen, keep up your schools and see that the children for whom we toil are making the most of their school days. See that they are all there and doing their very best."

The Parents' Standpoint.

Let them speak for themselves:

"We wish we could see those teachers and tell them face to face how much we owe them for what they have done

for our boys and girls. Every month shows gains of knowledge and improved manners, and the credit, we know, must be largely due to a cultured mind in the teacher. The days are shortened and the pleasure doubled by this friendly share in our responsible trusts.

"Thanks to the tax-payers for lifting in part the burdens from our shoulders. What could we do if we had to pay from our own pockets the extra expenses of tuition and books for our children at school? As it is, with all our economy and toil, we can scarcely make the ends of the year meet. Yes, tell every one of them that they have done a generous act in tiding us across the chasm that parted the two ends."

THE TEACHER'S STANDPOINT.

Mark her words:

"I feel every morning when those boys and girls march into the room from their several homes, well fed, tidily clad and eager for the new day's work that they come fresh from the parental care. I thank every one of these parents for giving good cheer at the start, for those parting salutes of encouragement and caution. I will match them, if in my power, by an equal faithfulness in this part of the line, and may God help us both on all the line, in the outgoing and incoming trains. The school without this home inspiration is a weakling."

Attention is called to some of the statutes of the State, bearing upon the schools.

At the last session of the Legislature, the law in regard to school attendance was changed, so that children between the ages of eight and fourteen years must now attend thirty weeks during the year.

The Acts of 1889, 464, Section 1, have been amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, shall

annually cause said child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, and such attendance shall continue for at least thirty weeks of the school year, if the schools are kept open that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks' time for absences not excused by the Superintendent of Schools or the School Committee; and for every neglect of such duty, the person offending shall, upon complaint of the School Committee or any truant officer, forfeit for the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the School Committee of such city or town, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or has already acquired the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, such penalties shall not be incurred.

Memorial Day.

Statute law: "In all the public schools of the Commonwealth, the last regular session prior to Memorial day, or a portion thereof, shall be devoted to exercises of a patriotic nature."

Contagious Diseases.

Chapter 47, Section 9, of the Revised Statutes: "The School Committee shall not allow a child who has not been duly vaccinated to be admitted to or connected with the public schools."

The following act was passed in 1885:

"The School Committee shall not allow any pupil to attend the public schools while any member of the household to which such pupil belongs is sick of small pox, diphtheria or scarlet fever, or during the period of two weeks after the death, recovery or removal of such sick person, and any

pupil coming from such household shall be required to present to the teacher of the school the pupil desires to attend, a certificate from the attending physician or Board of Health, of the facts necessary to entitle him to admission in accordance with the above regulation."

High School.

The graduating exercises Friday evening, June 20, in the Town hall, showed an interest in the school on the part of the public never excelled, if equalled. The hall was crowded by an intelligent audience, fully appreciative of every part of the programme. The floral decorations, personal and general, were on a lavish scale of beauty.

-PROGRAMME-

Class Motto: — "VIRTUE IS OUR ANCHOR."

MUSIC.

Prayer,.....Rev. F. P. Wood
Salutatory and Essay—"Sunlight and Shade,"...Edith A. Flagg
Essay—"The End Not Yet,".....Jennie E. McCarthy

MUSIC.

Essay—"Acton Memorial Library,".....Lottie L. Conant
Essay—"William H. Grady,".....George I. Harris

MUSIC.

Essay—"Labor and Rest,".....Addie L. Guilford
Essay and History—"The National Flower,"..Clara B. Robbins

MUSIC.

Essay—"How shall Graduates Improve?".....L. Emma Noyes
Essay—"Acton's Industries,".....Harvey P. Tuttle

MUSIC.

Essay and Prophecy—"The Gentlemen in History,".....
.....Clara L. Hammond
Essay and Valedictory—"Looking Backward," Susie M. Poultney

MUSIC.

Presentation of Diplomas.....

MUSIC.

Three years' course of the High School, subject to changes which may hereafter be made, according to the judgment of the Committee, and the light of experience.

FIRST YEAR.

First Term—Arithmetic and Bookkeeping, alternating. English Grammar and Composition. General History.

Second Term—Arithmetic and Bookkeeping, alternating. English Grammar and Composition. General History.

Third Term—Arithmetic and Bookkeeping, alternating. Rhetoric begun. Botany.

SECOND YEAR.

First Term—Algebra begun. Rhetoric continued. Physiology.

Second Term—Algebra continued. English Literature begun. Physics begun.

Third Term—Geometry begun. Physics continued. English Literature continued.

THIRD YEAR.

First Term—Geometry continued. Latin begun. Chemistry begun.

Second Term—Physical Geography. Latin continued. Chemistry continued.

Third Term—Civil Government. Latin. Geology.

Four recitations in each branch per week. Wednesday, a modified programme, including compositions, reading, spelling, drawing, and other miscellaneous recitations as shall be deemed the most important at the time.

The monthly written test in this, and in all the schools, to be continued as the fairest and surest proof of the real progress made. This reveals the weak and strong points of scholarship.

The questions are considered in silence and indepen-

dently without interference from teacher, committee, schoolmates, or the public.

For the sake of public inspection, the doors of all the schools are open to visitors at any time which may suit their convenience. More frequent visits by parents and friends are welcome.

The whole number of different pupils in the High school during the year, was 53.

Number of pupils over 15 years,	21
Number of pupils under 15 years,	32
Total average membership,	34.42
Total average attendance,	31.25
Average percentage of attendance,	90.79
Number applicants in written examination in June,	37
Number admitted entitled to certificates,	23

Mr. Armstrong has added another year of faithful service as Principal of this school. Order, discipline and studious habits have remained as the marked features of the school when visited.

The unusual number of applicants for admission to the school in June, and the success of so many, has added an important working force. The new class has entered upon the course with apparent purpose to make the most of it, to their own advantage and to the future credit of the school.

It is the unanimous judgment of the School Committee, that the question of the transportation of the scholars to the High School should soon be determined by the town.

If the school is to rotate as heretofore, or is to locate permanently in one place, it seems desirable that the pupils should, so far as is practicable, be relieved of too great inequality in the expense of attending.

As the town is situated, and is likely to be in the future, the question is one which should be be considered in all its bearing.

No hasty decisions should be reached to be annulled in a passion. It is hoped some feasible plan may be presented at the April meeting which the sober and generous sentiment of the citizens can approve.

THE CENTRE SCHOOL.

Grammar Department—Spring Term.

MISS IDA J. BISHOP, - - - - Teacher.

Miss Bishop continued in charge of this school during the spring term, devoting her energies faithfully to the work. Her acquirements in knowledge, her methods of instruction, and her personal interest in her pupils, are especially to be commended. She has fine perceptions of what should be the loyalty of scholars to the control of the teacher, and failing to reach her own ideal, and encountering obstacles which she cared not to meet on a second trial, she gracefully retired.

Fall and Winter Terms.

MISS CLARA B. HOLDEN, . - - - Teacher.

She is a graduate of the High School at Concord, has fine literary tastes and successful experience as a disciplinarian and teacher in other schools. She is thorough in her instructions, accomplishing rapidly in the drill work of the school-room, is unsparing of her strength, and with the friendly co-operation of scholars and parents, cannot fail to be a great blessing to the district. The exercises of the public half-day in this school were well attended, and could not be witnessed without impressing the visitors with the ability and devotion of the teacher.

CENTRE PRIMARY.

MISS SARAH E. HAMMOND, - - - Teacher.

This school has been fortunate in retaining the services of the same teacher during the whole year. Miss Hammond has maintained order, and has led the pupils along the right paths in a quiet, firm and happy way. Good progress has been made in laying the foundations for promotion to the higher grades. We trust there will be, in the coming term, additions to the membership of this school, which will impart to it new interest and importance.

NORTH SCHOOL.

Spring Term.

MISS JESSIE F. JONES, - - - - Teacher.

Miss Jones continued in charge of this school during the spring term. The same alacrity, faithfulness and order in the management of the school were noticed as in previous terms. The two from this school who appeared as candidates for admission to the High School, passed with credit the written test in June, and a third would have doubtless also passed if his courage had been equal to the trial. Miss Jones, during the summer vacation, receiving the offer of a graded school with increased pay in her native place, Watertown, accepted the situation.

Fall and Winter Terms.

MISS SUSAN E. CONANT, - - - - Teacher.

Miss Conant is a graduate of the Acton High School, and of the Framingham Normal. She had enjoyed the opportunity of testing her powers as a teacher in a neighboring town, and entered upon her duties with a confidence begotten of success. Her vivacity and pleasant manners, her thorough drill in the Normal methods, her resolute purpose to succeed in what she undertakes, joined with the co-operation of scholars and parents, are the omens of her ultimate victory.

The public half day occurring in the midst of a snow storm, still found every member of the school present, a large number of visitors and a programme of exercises, which were duly appreciated by all.

EAST SCHOOL.

Spring and Fall Terms.

MISS SUSAN A. WETHERBEE, - - - Teacher.

Miss Wetherbee has persisted in her good work in this district as if possessed of a passion for its cares. In season and out of season, in sunshine and in storm, with strength and without strength, with voice and without voice, her

dauntless spirit carried her through two terms of the year, when, to the regret of all, she was obliged to say positively, "Thus far but not one more step; my work is done; I wish it were better done." We are all thankful she was able to complete it so bravely and well. Her reward is not in her portemonnaie, but in the testimony of a good conscience, and in the lasting memories of the groups whom she has loved and taught.

Winter Term.

Miss Rena M. Carr, - - - - Teacher.

Even an experienced teacher with the prestige of success in other schools might well pause before assuming responsibilities which had been borne so long and so acceptably by her predecessor.

Miss Carr has done well under the circumstances. She has steadily gained in the confidence of her pupils. She took the craft when the flag was flying at half-mast, but she steered among the breakers and gallantly reached the peaceful waters. Let her have the full sympathy and aid of parents and scholars, and more assured results are certain to come in the future. She has patience, firmness, love for her pupils, and a full equipment of mind for the work. The exercises of the public half day were well attended and could not be witnessed without a hearty approval.

SOUTH EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Hattie L. Tuttle, - - - - Teacher.

This school has been favored with Miss Tuttle as teacher through the entire year. She has retained the increasing confidence of scholars and parents. She has order, thorough methods of instruction, personal interest in her scholars, and a devotion to her work. Some of the older pupils of the district have come in during the winter to take advantage of her service, and showed their appreciation of her help by a handsome token at the close of the term.

Upon the united request of local committee, parents and

scholars, the school was continued through the spring vacation, with the understanding that the respite was to come later in the season. This was to compensate some of the older masters, who are obliged to lose a portion of the spring term by work outside.

The public half day was well attended and the exercises were completed with commendable interest on the part of all.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Grammar Department.

Miss Clara A. Johnson, - - - Teacher.

This train has been on time right through the year. The Conductress is always careful to have all the machinery, wheels, brakes, engine, steam, ventilators, lights, seats, passengers, in trim rig for the trip. When the train starts all are aboard and in position, sure of a pleasant passage and safe arrival. The course is steady up and down the grades, around the curves, through the drifts, over the bridges. When the train stops there is no rude, loud shouting at the door, no jostling of passengers to see who shall first make his outing, but John, Peter and Moses, Susan, Grace and Sarah, jauntily abide their time. In June the train stopped at the High School station, and twelve, the entire company, applying, received their tickets and stepped on board with a quiet, but gleesome satisfaction at the outlook. At last heard from they were making fine progress up the heights of the table lands beyond.

At the public half day there were many at the station to greet the incoming train, to see how the passengers had fared, and what kind of reports they could make. Warm congratulations were given as the different tales were told. The epidemics had been on board during the latter part of the route and had given some of the passengers a worn, weary look, but the old fire burned within and sparkled in the eye, and kindled in the voice. Many thanks are due the Conductress for the successful issue of the trip.

Primary Department — Spring Term.

MISS HEDESSA L. SHARP, - - - Teacher.

Miss Sharp continued in charge of the school during the spring term. Much the same features marked the instruction, discipline and management of the school as had been previously noticed and commended.

It was feared that any change of teacher, when the balance was struck, might not be to the credit of such change. The circumstances, as considered at the time of decision, seemed to point towards the risk, with the hope that it might be in the end to the advantage of all concerned, teacher as well as scholars.

Fall and Winter Terms.

MISS S. ANNA L. TIRRELL, - - - Teacher.

Miss Tirrell is from Braintree, has had fine success in other schools, has methods of her own, and those most approved in the normal training. She works with a steady, earnest, quiet energy, and before the day is finished the scholars find a good work has been accomplished, that valuable knowledge has been stored up for future use, the mind has been trained and the will controlled. The public half day was gladly improved by the parents and friends of the school, and this silent but sure testimony was in commendation of teacher and scholars.

Some of the exercises in reading in this school would have done credit to any of the grades of school. Inflections and expressions of sentiment were freely given. This is what is most sought and most rarely found.

WEST SCHOOL.

Grammar Department — Spring Term.

MISS ALICE J. HOAR, - - - - Teacher.

Miss Hoar stood at the helm for this craft during the spring term. The waters were sometimes rough and the winds boisterous, but she remained calmly at her post, steering towards the desired haven. Had she at times taken a

sudden tack, some of the breakers might have been shunned. Her serene face betokened no sense of danger; she has some of the very choicest traits for a teacher: scholarship, love for her scholars, love for her work with all its irritations, ambition to excel in all lines of improvement. If there could be added the indescribable tact for controlling the disturbing elements of the school room, her equipment would seem to be complete. At the close of the term she was approved to continue in charge of the school, but gave up the position to resume her course of study in the Normal school.

Fall and Winter Terms.

MISS ALBERTIE A. PRESTON, - - - Teacher.

Miss Preston is a graduate of the Acton High School, a native of the district in which she teaches, without experience as a teacher, and without the drill of the normal course. She had experimented a few days as a substitute for Miss Wetherbee in the East School. The data thus obtained encouraged the Committee to let her make a venture in the West Grammar, hoping for the best, yet tremulous of the result. The school under her charge has been quite a success. She has order without apparent waste of nerve power, sprightliness in carrying through the programme on time, an impartial bearing among the different grades, and reaches results which show thoroughness in the preparatory step.

The public half day brought out a large attendance of the ladies of the district. The ladies are said to have keener perceptions than the men, and for this reason, possibly, they may have been assigned to the duty of inspection. They did it thoroughly, and gave their silent but unanimous approval of what they saw and heard. Let the men accept the judgment and act accordingly in the future.

Primary Department.

MRS. HARRIET H. GARDNER, - - Teacher.

The school has again been favored through the whole

year with the faithful, earnest and unique care of Mrs. Gardner. Young scholars need especial maternal oversight; they have it here in rare degree. They need a wakeful and varied routine; they have it here most certainly. They need a rod in the background and an olive branch in front; that seems to be the case here. They need clear explanations, appeals to the nobler motives, conscious and steady movements forward, month after month; they have them here. If you doubt it, go into the court room and watch the case for yourself. Enter as judge, attorney, witness, juror or prisoner, and the verdict will be the same.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee,

JAMES FLETCHER, *Chairman.*

TABULAR STATEMENT FOR 1890-91.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of scholars.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Under 5 years.	Over 5 years.	Over 15 years.	Between 8 and 14 yeaas.
Acton High,	A. W. Armstrong,	36	55	34.42	31.25	90.79	0	55	24	32
Center Grammar,	Ida I. Bishop,	36	24	19.	15.85	83.	0	24	1	23
" "	Clara B. Holden,									
Center Primary,	Sarah E. Hammond,	36	17	13.76	11.65	85.	0	17	0	6
South Grammar,	Clara A. Johnson,	36	29	24.85	23.19	93.	0	29	0	27
South Primary,	Hadessa L. Sharp,	36	56	37.88	34.40	90.	0	56	0	27
" "	S. Anna L. Tirrell,									
West Grammar,	Alice J. Hoar,	36	36	33.	31.	94.	0	36	0	36
" "	Albertie A. Preston,									
West Primary,	Mrs. Harriet H. Gardner,	36	55	36.44	32.45	89.	1	54	0	24
North,	Jessie F. Jones,	36	28	23.22	20.42	88.	0	28	0	20
"	Susan E. Conant,									
East,	Susan A. Wetherbee,	36	33	27.65	25.57	92.	0	33	0	18
"	Rena M. Carr,									
South-east,	Hattie L. Tuttle,	36	16	12.	11.	92.	0	16	3	8
				262.	256.	91.				

Number between 5 and 15, as reported by the Assessors for the year 1890, 270.

LIST OF JURORS.

The following is a list of persons to serve as jurors for the ensuing year, as revised by the Selectmen of Acton, to be submitted to said Town at their April meeting:

Francis Hosmer,
James R. Lawrence,
Frank H. Whitcomb,
Samuel R. Burroughs,
John C. Keyes,
Norman A. Davidson,
William F. Kelley,
Herman A. Gould,
Joseph A. Whitcomb,
Hanson A. Littlefield,
George W. Worster,
Waldo Littlefield,
Luther Conant,
S. Hammond Taylor,
Daniel H. Farrar,
Lyman Tuttle,
Lorenzo A. Pratt,
James P. Brown,
Chas. S. Twitchell,
Edward J. Blethen,
Samuel Jones, Jr.,
George A. Conant,
Thomas F. Noyes,
Cyrus Hale,
Elbridge J. Robbins,
Luke J. Robbins,

WM. F. STEVENS,
GEORGE R. KEYES,
HOWARD B. WHITE,
Selectmen of Acton.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
MIDDLESEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in the elections and Town affairs, to assemble in the TOWN HALL, in said Town, on MONDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF APRIL, A. D. 1891, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To fill all vacancies in the list of Town Officers and Committees.

ART. 3. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of schools, and for school supplies for the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 4. To see what amount of money the Town will raise to repair the roads the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will make any alterations in the road leading from the house of Herman A. Gould to South Acton, near the "Puffer Place," so-called, or act anything thereon.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will lay a new floor in the Town Hall, or act anything thereon.

ART. 7. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the petition of James D. Coburn and others to the

County Commissioners, for the re-location of the Littleton road, leading from the Union Turnpike, so-called, to the house of Samuel R. Burroughs.

ART. 8. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the pay of road men for the present year.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to locate the High School at South Acton for the ensuing year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will furnish transportation for the pupils of the High School.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to put a system of ventilation into some one of its school-houses, or act anything thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the due observance of Memorial day, or act anything thereon.

ART. 13. To see what amount the Town will raise to defray Town charges for the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 14. To vote by ballot, "Yes, or No," in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town for the present year?"

ART. 15. To consider and act upon the acceptance of the Jury List, as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, and other Town officers.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.

ART. 18. To hear the reports of any Committees chosen to report at this meeting, or act anything thereon.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will appropriate one

thousand dollars for special highway work in South Acton, and at the Powder Mllls, or act anything thereon.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to make special repairs on the road leading from the "Charles Tuttle Place," to the Littleton line, and make a special appropriation for the same, or act anything thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars, for the care and maintenance of Street lamps for the ensuing year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will make special repairs on the "Great Road" so-called, from near the residence of Otis H. Forbush, to near the residence of D. J. Wetherbee, and appropriate two hundred dollars therefor.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will accept of the Act of the Legislature, relating to the employment of a Union School Superintendent.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will raise a sum of money for the maintenance of the Memorial Library.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up copies, attested by you, in the following places: one at the Post Office, in the centre of the Town; one at the store of Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee; one at the store of C. H. Mead & Co.; one at the Nagog House, and one in each of the railroad stations in the Town, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands, in Acton, this the twenty-sixth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

WM. F. STEVENS,
GEORGE R. KEYES,
HOWARD B. WHITE,
} *Selectmen of Acton.*

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1891.

Town Clerk,

William D. Tuttle.

Selectmen,

Howard B. White, Wm. F. Stevens, George R. Keyes.

Assessors,

Phineas Wetherbee, Chauncy B. Robbins, John White.

Overseers of the Poor,

Elisha H. Cutler, Lyman C. Taylor, Aaron C. Handley.

Town Treasurer,

Jona. K. W. Wetherbee,

Auditors,

Hiram J. Hapgood, D. James Wetherbee.

School Committee,

Rev. James Fletcher,	Chas. L. Bradford.....	3 years
Charles J. Williams,	Davis C. Harris.....	2 "
A. A. Wyman,	William S. Jones.....	1 "

Cemetery Committee,

John Fletcher, Levi W. Stevens, Horace F. Tuttle.

Fence Viewers.

Nahum C. Reed, O. W. Mead, Frank Hosmer.

Surveyors of Lumber,

William B. Davis,	George H. Harris,	William S. Warren,
Levi W. Stevens,	E. F. Richardson,	Charles A. Brooks,
Jona. P. Fletcher,		Herbert T. Clark.

Surveyors of Wood,

William B. Davis,	George H. Harris,	Henry D. Parlin,
John F. Davis,	S. L. Dutton,	Herbert T. Clark,
	Jona. P. Fletcher.	

Surveyor of Hoops and Staves.

Augustus Fletcher.

Constables.

E. M. Deeth, South Acton; James Kinsley, West Acton;
Edwin A. Phalen, Acton Centre.

Fish Committee.

Luther Conant,	Elnathan Jones,	John Fletcher,
Frank H. Whitcomb,	Charles J. Williams,	John White.

Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library.

(Corporate Members.)

Luther Conant,	Delette H. Hall,	Adelbert Mead,
Hiram J. Hapgood,	Moses Taylor,	D. James Wetherbee.

(Chosen by the Town.)

Howard B. White.....3 years
William D. Tuttle.....2 "
Rev. James Fletcher.....1 "

ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

TOWN OFFICERS

— OF THE —

TOWN OF ACTON

— FROM —

FFBRUARY 26, 1891, TO FEBRUARY 26, 1892.

HUDSON:
THE ENTERPRISE PRINTING COMPANY,
1892.

TREASURERS' REPORT.

TOWN OF ACTON in account with J. K. W. WETHERBEE, Treasurer.

1892.	Dr.		
Feb. 26.	To cash paid, State tax,	$1,005 00	
	Cash paid, County tax,	1,078 85	
	Cash paid on Selectmen's orders,	19,499 06	
	Outstanding orders,	1,313 79	
	Balance due the town,	1,965 67	
			$24,862 37
1891.	Cr.		
Feb. 26.	By cash in the treasury,	$1,296 46	
Rec'd for	rent of chapel room to Apr. 1, 1891,	33 00	
	from Town of Methuen for aid furnished Wm. Anstin,	11 00	
	M. E. Reed for hay in Woodlawn cemetery,	16 04	
	Julian Tuttle, for rent of Town hall,	12 99	
	for old lumber sold,	18 00	
	from Globe Furniture Co. rebate on freight of furniture,	7 56	
	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	617 28	
	State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	619 24	
	State Treasurer, Military Aid, Chap. 279, Acts 1889,	62 00	
	State Treasurer, State Aid, Chap. 301, Acts 1889,	340 00	
	State Treasurer, for temporary aid furnished State Paupers,	16 00	
	M. H. Garfield, for hard pine plank,	6 84	

County Treasurer, on account of Leland and Stevens' road,	900 00	
County Treasurer, dog tax,	180 80	
State Treasurer, income of Mass. School Fund,	184 56	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, borrowed money,	526 55	
Mrs. P. V. Hapgood, borrowed money,	500 00	
H. J. Hapgood, borrowed money,	400 00	
Geo. A. Stevens, " "	800 00	
Estate of Wm. Davis, borrowed money,	350 00	
Frank H. Jones, borrowed money	600 00	
Varnum Tuttle, " "	1,240 00	
J. A. Bowen, " "	1,000 00	
E. C. Damon, for old bridge plank	6 77	
L. W. Stevens, for lots sold in Mount Hope cemetery,	40 00	
John Fletcher, for lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery,	22 00	
Estate of Amos Brooks, for aid furnished by the town,	64 19	
James Fletcher, for school supplies sold,	3 41	
D. C. Harris for material left from repairing fence in North District,	3 95	
C. W. Pitman, for rent of Town Hall,	9 50	
E. A. Phalen, taxes for 1889,	160 54	
E. F. Conant, taxes for 1890,	564 69	
J. E. Cutter, taxes for 1891,	14,188 00	
Interest on money in Bank,	61 00	
		$24,862 37

Treasurer's Report of Money Held for Care of Lots in Cemeteries.

Dr.

To Hepsabeth Piper Fund,	$50 00	
Interest received,	2 00	
Frederick Rouillard Fund,	100 00	
Interest received,	2 00	
		$154 00

CR.

By Cash paid N. Johnson, for labor on lot of Hepsabeth Piper,	$2 00	
Cash paid N. Johnson, for labor on lot of F. Rouillard,	2 00	
Cash in Treasury,	150 00	
		$154 00

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

ACTON, Feb. 1892.

This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Town of Acton, and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
Auditors of the Town of Acton.

SELECTMENS' REPORT.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Centre School.

Paid Rev. James Fletcher, for teachers,	$720 00		
" " " care of house,	65 50		
" " " fuel,	69 82		
" " " cleaning rooms,	11 62		
" " " incidentals,	4 53		
			$871 47

West School.

Paid A. A. Wyman, for teachers,	$720 00		
" " care of house,	78 00		
" " cleaning rooms,	11 67		
" " fuel,	41 53		
" " incidentals,	5 70		
			$856 90

South School.

Paid Chas. L. Bradford, for teachers,	$720 00		
" " care of house,	90 00		
" " cleaning room,	6 00		
" " fuel,	30 13		
" " incidentals,	5 83		
			$851 96

North School.

Paid David C. Harris, for teachers,	$360 00		
" " care of house,	25 00		
" " cleaning room,	4 00		
" " fuel,	39 67		
" " incidentals,	3 73		
			$432 40

East School.

Paid Chas J. Williams, for teachers,	$360 00		
" " care of room,	27 00		
" " fuel,	42 20		
" " cleaning room,	3 10		
" " incidentals,	4 05		
			$436 35

South East School.

Paid W. S. Jones, for teachers,	$324 00		
" " care of room,	15 00		
" " cleaning room,	4 75		
" " fuel,	25 75		
" " incidentals,	2 26		
			$371 76

High School.

Paid A. W. Armstrong, for teaching,	$920 00		
Janitors, care of rooms,	34 00		
Geo. Gardner, rent of organ,	15 00		
Geo. Gardner, rent of piano,	10 00		
C. L. Bradford, for moving furniture,	2 00		
F. W. Green, for moving furniture and organ,	3 00		
James Fletcher, for fuel,	10 68		
C. L. Bradford, for fuel,	6 00		
E. C. Parker & Co., for fuel,	7 00		
James Fletcher, for incidentals,	2 40		
			$1,010 08

School Supplies.

Paid Rev. James Fletcher,	$444 11		
A. W. Armstrong,	5 89		
			$450 00

STATE AID.

Paid Warren B. Ball,	Chap. 279, acts 1889,	$96 00	
Allen G. Smith,	" "	60 00	
Wm. F. Wood,	" "	40 00	

Chas. A. Brooks,	"	"	72 00	
Addison B. Wheeler,	"	"	30 00	
Richard G. Dane,	Chap. 301,	"	60 00	
Luke Smith,	"	"	48 00	
Mary Smith,	"	"	48 00	
Rebecca C. Wright,	"	"	48 00	
Almira H. Laker	"	"	48 00	
Eliza J. Shattuck,	"	"	48 00	
Susan B. Winn,	"	"	36 00	
Achsa Hanscom,	"	"	48 00	
Mary A. Rand,	"	"	24 00	
Herbert E. Preston,	"	"	20 00	
Mary J. Brown,	"	"	24 00	
Thos. J. Sawyer,	"	"	12 00	
Emma F. Blood,	"	"	32 00	
				$794 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid E. H. Cutler,	deficiency on farm to March 1, 1891,	398 80	
"	aid of Mrs. Trainor,	69 10	
"	" Geo. Kingsley children,	231 00	
"	" Emily F. Town,	146 71	
"	" Clara Wheeler,	169 46	
"	" Richard Temple,	223 32	
"	" W. B. Ball,	85 50	
"	" Mrs. M. Jones,	168 00	
"	" Mrs. Ruth Pike,	55 00	
"	" Peter Simonson,	40 00	
"	" Geo. O. Austin,	11 00	
"	" Rebecca A. Randall,	15 00	
"	" J. E. Harris,	99 14	
"	" W.F.B.Whitney,	28 50	
"	" Murphy family (So. Acton),	70 85	
"	" Amos Brooks,	18 57	
"	" Mrs. John Quinland,	93 01	

Paid E. H. Cutler, aid of Two journeys to Lowell,	2 00	
" " Journey to Waltham,	1 50	
Chas. S. Twitchell, for care of C. A. Brooks,	16 50	
		$1,942 96

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid N. Johnson, for labor in Woodlawn cemetery,	20 76	
L. W. Stevens, for labor in Mount Hope cemetery,	64 25	
Moses A. Reed, for labor in Woodlawn cemetery,	47 50	
John Fletcher, for labor in Woodlawn cemetery,	2 00	
John Fletcher, for trees for Woodlawn cemetery,	2 00	
John Fletcher, for dipper in Woodlawn cemetery,	10	
J. W. Hayward, for additional land for Mount Hope cemetery,	900 00	
N. Johnson, for care of Woodbury lot,	1 00	
" labor on hearse house grounds,	50	
" mowing monum't gr'nds	2 00	
" care of Fred'k. Rouillard lot,	2 00	
" Jona. Piper lot,	2 00	
" David M. Handley lot,	4 00	
Julian Tuttle, for building wall, Woodlawn cemetery,	15 27	
L. W. Stevens, for labor at Mount Hope cemetery,	7 40	
L. U. Holt, for repairs at Woodlawn cemetery,	2 75	
		$1,073 53

PRINTING.

Paid H. S. Turner, for printing March warrants,	$3 00	
Enterprise Co., printing 600 sheet reports, 600 town reports, and town warrants,	71 50	
A. Hosmer, for 500 town orders and envelopes,	5 15	
A. Hosmer, library certificates and notices,	1 90	
Campbell & Hanscom, printing poll tax lists,	7 00	
H. S. Turner, printing town warrants,	3 00	
Enterprise Co., printing voting lists,	11 25	
Enterprise Co., printing fire reward notices,	1 75	
Campbell & Hanscom, printing citation for adoption, Laura Maud Kingsley,	6 00	
		$110 55

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Rev. James Fletcher, supt. of schools,	$125 00	
Hiram J. Hapgood, services as auditor, 1889-90,	10 00	
C. B. Robbins, assessor, 1891,	35 00	
Phineas Wetherbee, " "	50 00	
John White, " "	18 00	
A. A. Wyman, services as ballot clerk, 1890,	3 00	
A. A. Wyman, services as ballot clerk and teller, 1891,	5 00	
D. James Wetherbee, services as ballot clerk and teller, 1891,	5 00	
Phineas Wetherbee, service, teller, 1891,	2 00	
Chas. H. Mead, " " "	2 00	
Hanson A. Littlefield, " " "	2 00	
W. F. Kelley, " " "	2 00	
C. B. Sanders, " " "	2 00	
John Fletcher, " " "	2 00	
E. A. Phalan, " " "	2 00	
Lyman C. Taylor, " " "	2 00	

James R. Lawrence, inspector of election, 1890,	3 00	
E. A. Phalan, collecting taxes. 1889,	75 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, treasurer,	75 00	
Geo. R. Keyes, selectman,	45 00	
Gustavus V. Bowen, selectman,	45 00	
Wm. F. Stevens, selectman,	85 00	
" " supt. roads,	75 00	
		$670 00

LIBRARY EXPENSES.

Bills Approved by the Trustees.

Paid M. E. Taylor, for supplies,	$21 24	
D. A. Cutler, transporting books,	50 00	
Ida A. Hale, services as librarian to March 1, 1892,	101 00	
James Fletcher, for town history of the towns of Woburn, Westford, Sudbury and Medford,	5 00	
Julian Tuttle, for services as janitor to April 30, 1891,	13 40	
James Fletcher, for services as janitor to Jan. 1, 1892,	75 00	
James Fletcher, for supplies,	32 90	
J. E. Cutler, 20,300 lbs. coal,	63 44	
Jame Fletcher, for repairs,	5 25	
		$367 23

EXPENSES ON ROADS ORDERED BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Paid Varnum B. Mead, for damages awarded by the County Commissioners on the Leland-Stevens road,	$1,000 00	
L. U. Holt, for drain pipe,	146 53	
J. E. Reed, labor on Hall shop,	8 75	
E. Jones & Co., for lumber,	50	
E. Hall & Sons, "	3 63	
C. H. Mead & Co., nails,	38	

Paid Thos. McCarthy, covering stone,		40	75
David C. Harris, covering and edge stone,		35	40
A. C. Piper, labor on turnpike,		335	46
N. Littlefield, " "		762	96
" " " Leland-Stevens road,		229	58
" " " Littleton road,		21	57
Wm. H. Kingsley, labor on bridges,		117	77
S. A. Guilford, 706 lbs. railing posts,		35	30
" " making over railing posts,		2	80
" " catch basin grates,		7	00
Samuel Jones, Jr., labor on railings,		25	26
E. Jones & Co., lumber for "		28	00
			$2,801 64

EXPENDED ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Nahum Littlefield, highway work,	$696	46	
Anson C. Piper, " "	1,439	52	
Wm. H. Kingsley, " "	1,237	54	
Anson C. Piper, breaking out roads,	6	20	
Francis Pratt, " " "	12	00	
Forbush & Hartwell " " "	5	50	
Nahum Littlefield, " " " and repairing washouts,	32	07	
Henry Warden, breaking out roads,	16	63	
Thomas McCarthy, " " "	5	28	
A.S.Fletcher, labor on bridges, So.Acton,	30	94	
Samuel Jones, Jr., labor on bridge railings,	10	26	
J. E. Cutter, breaking out roads,	18	65	
Chas. Wheeler, " " "	16	85	
A. C. Piper, dynamite,	2	00	
A. H. Jones, repairing washouts,	5	85	
J. P. Brown, " tools,	2	75	
S. A. Guilford, " scraper,		75	
Samuel Jones, Jr., labor on railings,	54	00	
H. T. Clark, repairing scraper,	4	50	
" cover to catch basin,		30	
N. Littlefield, powder and fuse,	4	50	
" " repairs & blacksmith bill,	21	53	
" " covering stone,	2	00	

Paid N. Littlefield, use of gigger,	1 00	
" " 14 posts,	1 20	
" " gravel,	4 25	
Geo. F. Tyler & Co., repairs,	8 50	
J. Kinsley, use of road for Hurley,	8 00	
A. A Haynes, 72 loads gravel,	3 60	
F. C. Nash, 600 " "	30 00	
L. Rouillard, 121 " "	6 05	
F. H. Whitcomb, 209 " "	10 45	
A. Farrar, 225 " "	11 25	
E.Jones & Co., railing lumber and hardware,	80 83	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, drain pipe,	42 31	
A. C. Piper, repairs on scraper,	2 60	
I. F. Duren, removing 5 apple trees in making changes on hill near Abel Farrar's,	40 00	
Aaron Foster, cutting brush,	2 10	
I. A. Sampson, 26 loads gravel,	1 30	
		$3,879 52

REPAIRS ON TOWN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Paid Francis Jones, for painting at South school house,	9 10
Chas. J. Williams, for repairs at East school house,	1 50
Chas. L. Bradford, for repairs at South school house,	3 00
C. J. Williams, for repairs at East school house,	6 55
N. Johnson, for repairs at Centre school house,	1 35
F. W. Gray, for painting monument flag staff,	3 00
Chas J. Williams lumber and labor on East school fence,	74 52
Francis Jones, for painting at South school house,	23 41
F. Z. Taylor, for labor on town hall floor,	31 50
Francis Conant, for repairs at South school house,	36 16

Paid C. L. Bradford, for repairs at South school house,	28	90
F. D. K. Hoar, for repairs at West school house,	49	88
A. A. Wyman, for repairs at West school house,	5	00
Sam'l. Jones, Jr., for repairs at South school house,	67	11
W. L. Mead, for repairs at West school house,	94	32
W. S. Jones, for repairs at South East school house,	10	00
Francis Jones, for painting at South schooi house,	6	75
Francis Jones, for labor and stock on town hall floor,	11	50
Spofford Robbins, for labor on town hall floor,	42	50
Spofford Robbins, for repairs on town hall,	16	88
James Fletcher, for 18 desks for school houses,	79	56
C. J. Williams, for repairs at East school house,	1	20
F. E. Harris, for repairs at West school house,	5	62
N. Johnson, for repairs at Centre school house,	12	67
Spofford Robbins, for repairs on town vault,	4	25
H. T. Clark, for repairs at West school house,	2	80
James Fletcher, for repairs at Centre school house,	7	00
Sam'l Jones, Jr., for repairs at South school house,	4	76
E. Jones & Co., for lumber and hardware for town hall floor,	139	84
L. U. Holt, pump for town well,	10	90
L. U. Holt, for repairs at West school house,	14	51
Chas. J. Williams, for repairs at East school house,	6	00

Paid Chas. J. Williams, for work on well at East school house,	4 00	
Chas. J. Williams, for repairing wash-out in East school house yard,	4 00	
C. H. Mead & Co., stock for repairs at West school house,	2 32	
Rev. James Fletcher, for repairs at South school house,	9 62	
Rev. James Fletcher, for repairs at Centre school house,	14 16	
L. U. Holt, for repairs at South school house,	4 00	
		$850 14

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Chas. J. Williams, for carting fire ladders,	25	
Chas. J. Williams, for boat hire, for Fish Committee,	25	
Nathan Johnson, for repairs on monument flag,	2 02	
James T. Joslyn, Esq., costs of court in V. B. Mead case,	43 94	
Chas. H. Walcott, for legal services in V. B. Mead case,	50 00	
E. F. Conant, for summoning town officers,	2 50	
Luke Blanchard, award of damage on hall road,	150 00	
Isaac Davis Post 138, for Memorial day,	100 00	
N. E. Bean, for repairing fire hook,	2 50	
Wm. Chisholm, for ladder,	1 50	
John Fletcher, for fish permits,	3 00	
" " " pass books for Fish Committee,	30	
Chas. J. Williams, advertising for High school,	75	
Chas. J. Williams, for cleaning East school well.	2 00	
Julian Tuttle, for services as registrar of voters, to May 1, 1891,	12 00	

Paid Phineas Wetherbee, for damages on Hall road,	144 18
Fred'k. C. Nash; for legal services in Blanchard case,	37 50
Fred'k. C. Nash, for legal services in Wetherbee case,	37 50
John S. Keyes, Justice of Central Midd. Court, for fee and expenses in criminal cases,	23 60
J. H. Whitney, for expenses in Barker case,	57 00
E. Jones & Co., coal for town hall,	29 24
Tuttles, Jones and Wetherbee, for assessor's books,	1 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, Collector's books,	1 50
H. T. Clark, for ladder rungs,	1 50
J. K. W. Wetherbee, for one weight for town scales,	65
J. K. W. Wetherbee, for recording deeds,	1 90
J. K. W. Wetherbee, for postage and stationery,	1 50
W. F. Stevens, for postage, express and stationery,	6 78
L. U. Holt. sealing weights and measures, 1890–1891,	10 00
Geo. E. Fifield, for damage to rye field by town cattle,	1 50
I. F. Duren, for making returns 41 deaths,	10 25
I. F. Duren, for attending 47 burials,	141 00
I. F. Duren, for removing 4 bodies from Elbridge Robbins tomb and burying same,	5 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, for postage, express and stationery,	6 80
Wm. D. Tuttle, for ballot box repairs,	47
" " Telephone charges,	26
" " surveying at cemetary,	1 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, surveying and making plans of road near P. Wetherbee's,	7 00

Paid Wm. D. Tuttle, for collecting and recording 37 births,	$18 50	
Wm. D. Tuttle, for recording 45 deaths,	6 50	
" " " 23 marriages,	3 45	
Wm. D. Tuttle, for services Town Clerk,	30 00	
" " " as registrar of voters,	15 00	
C. N. Pitman, care of town hall and clock,	22 55	
Geo. R. Keyes, 4 trips to Lowell acc't. Geo. Kingsley children,	4 00	
Geo. R. Keyes, 1 trip to Cambridge acc't. Blanchard case,	2 00	
Geo. R. Keyes, 1 trip to Boston acc't. State aid case,	2 00	
J. E. Cutter, discount on taxes,	848 16	
" for services in dog license cases,	5 00	
E. A. Phalan, for services at Magog, pond, order Fish Committee,	5 00	
		$1,860 30

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Susan F. Durkee, for 1890,	$4 25	
John A. Puffer, " "	2 00	
Abatement of taxes as certified by the Assessors for 1891,	78 00	
		$84 25

LOANS AND INTEREST.

Paid J. K. W. Wetherbee, temporary loan,	$526 55	
" " interest on same, 5 months, 5 per cent.,	10 97	
Hiram J. Hapgood, note,	400 00	
" " interest on note, 8 months, 6 days, 5 per cent.	13 67	

Paid Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, interest on $1,000 note, 1 year, 5 per cent.,	$50 00	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, interest on $1,500 note, 1 year, 5 per cent.,	75 00	
Interest on J. W. Hayward's note, 5 months, 23 days, 5 per cent.,	21 62	
		$1,097 81
		$20,812 85

RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance in the Treasury, Feb. 26, 1891,	$1,296 46
Due from Collector of Taxes, Feb. 26, 1891,	811 10
Appropriations for Town charges,	6,500 00
Schools,	4,400 00
School supplies,	450 00
Highways,	2,300 00
Overlayings,	289 23
State tax,	1,005 00
County tax,	1,078 85
Rec'd from State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	617 28
" " Nat. Bank tax,	619 24
" " Military Aid,	62 00
" " State Aid,	340 00
" " Income of Mass. School Fund,	184 56
County Treasurer, dog tax,	180 80
Chapel Society, rent to Apr. 1, '91,	33 00
Town of Methuen, for aid furnished Wm. Austin,	11 00
Moses G. Reed, for hay in Woodlawn Cemetery,	16 04
Julian Tuttle, on acc't Town Hall,	12 99
Cash for old lumber sold,	18 00
Globe Furniture Co., refund of freight on school furniture,	7 56
Temporary aid of State Paupers,	16 00
M. H. Garfield, for hard pine plank,	6 84

Rec'd from County Treasurer, on Leland—Stevens road,	$900 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, borrowed money,	526 55	
P. V. Hapgood, borrowed money,	500 00	
H. J. Hapgood, " "	400 00	
Geo. A. Stevens, " "	800 00	
Est. W. W. Davis, " "	350 00	
F. H. Jones, " "	600 00	
Varnum Tuttle, " "	1,240 00	
John A. Bowen, " "	1,000 00	
E. C. Damon, for old bridge plank,	6 77	
Levi W. Stevens, for sale of cemetery lots,	40 00	
John Fletcher, for sale of cemetery lots,	22 00	
Interest on money in Bank,	61 00	
Estate of Amos Brooks, for aid furnished Chas. A. Brooks,	16 50	
C. H. Pitman, for rent of Town Hall,	9 50	
Estate of Amos Brooks,	47 69	
D. C. Harris, for lumber sold,	3 95	
Rev. James Fletcher, for school supplies sold,	3 41	
		$26,783 32

EXPENDITURES.

For Centre School,	$871 47
West School,	856 90
South School,	851 96
North School,	432 40
East School,	436 35
South East School,	371 76
High School,	1,010 08
School supplies,	450 00
State and Military Aid,	794 00
Support of Poor,	1,942 96
Cemetery expenses,	1,073 53

Roads ordered by County Commissioners,	2,801 64	
Printing,	110 55	
Town Officers,	670 00	
Roads and bridges,	3,879 52	
Town Buildings and grounds,	850 14	
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,860 30	
Loans and interest paid,	1,097 81	
State tax,	1,005 00	
County tax,	1,078 85	
Abatement of taxes,	84 25	
Library,	367 23	
		$22,896 70
Balance due from E. F. Conant, taxes, 1891,	85 87	
J. E. Cutter, taxes, 1891,	1,835 08	
Treasurer,	1,965 67	
		3,886 62
		$26,783 32

TOWN DEBTS.

Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, note,	$1,000 00	
" " " "	1,500 00	
P. V. Hapgood, "	500 00	
Geo. A. Stevens, "	800 00	
Estate Wm. Davis, "	350 00	
F. H. Jones, "	600 00	
Varnum Tuttle, "	1,240 00	
John A. Bowen, "	1.000 00	
		$6,990 00
Less amounts due from Collectors and Treasurer,		3,886 62
Balance against the Town, Feb. 26th, 1892,		$3,103 38

WM. F. STEVENS,
GEORGE R. KEYES,
GUSTAVUS V. BOWEN,
Selectmen of Acton.

Acton, Feb. 26th, 1892.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen,and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
Auditors of the Town of Acton.

List of Jurors.

The following is a list of persons to serve as Jurors for the ensuing year, as revised by the Selectmen of Acton, to be submitted to said town at their April meeting:

Luther Conant.
Francis Hosmer.
James R. Lawrence.
Frank H. Whitcomb.
Geo. B. Parker.
James Kinsley.
John C. Keyes.
Norman A. Davidson.
William F. Kelley.
Joseph A. Whitcomb.
Hanson A. Littlefield.
George W. Worster.
Waldo Littlefield.

S. Hammond Taylor.
Daniel H. Farrar.
Lyman Tuttle.
Lorenzo A. Pratt.
James P. Brown.
Charles S. Twitchell.
George A. Conant.
Thomas T. Noyes.
Cyrus Hale.
Elbridge J. Robbins.
Luke J. Robbins.
John S. White.
Theron F. Newton.

WM. F. STEVENS,
GEORGE R. KEYES,
GUSTAVUS V. BOWEN,
Selectmen of Acton.

Acton, March 22, 1892.

Report of Receipts and Expenditures at the Almshouse in Acton.

For the Year Ending February 29th, 1892.

ARTICLES ON HAND FEBRUARY 29, 1892.

11 cows,	$440 00
1 bull,	12 00
1 horse,	130 00
9 tons of hay,	180 00
1 ton oat fodder,	12 00
Horse rake,	18 00
Grain,	6 75
2 plows,	13 00
Horse hoe,	2 50
Flour barrels,	3 60
1 wagon,	70 00
1 mowing machine,	12 00
24 market boxes,	2 40
60 hens,	30 00
Apples,	4 00
Canned fruit,	4 50
200 lbs. pork,	20 00
Molasses,	2 70
Kerosene oil,	36
40 bushels potatoes,	20 00
Onions,	30
20 cords of wood,	70 00

50 lbs. ham,	$6 25	
Crackers,	90	
Flour,	6 00	
Tea,	1 00	
Coffee,	36	
Sugar,	30	
Oatmeal,	15	
Spices,	50	
60 lbs. lard,	7 20	
Fruit jars,	4 00	
Eggs,	40	
		$1,081 17

RECEIPTS FROM THE TOWN FARM FROM MARCH 1, 1891, TO MARCH 1, 1892.

Received for apples,	$369 96	
Cows,	146 95	
Calves,	7 75	
Eggs,	38 87	
Milk,	982 16	
Onions,	21 05	
Potatoes,	18 55	
Strawberries,	3 36	
		$1,588 65

EXPENDITURES AT THE TOWN FARM FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1892.

Axe,	$1 00
Asparagus,	39
Brushes and brooms,	2 52
Barrel linings,	35

Butter,	$33 49
Bread,	1 27
Beans,	9 63
Boots and shoes,	6 30
Bean pots,	55
Boxes,	35
Blacksmith's bill,	3 04
Bed bug poison,	75
Bull,	12 00
Burial expenses of Elijah Brine,	17 00
Cheese,	3 47
Cloth and clothing,	34 26
Cattle cards,	16
Cream tartar,	94
Crackers,	37 49
Corks,	18
Cucumbers,	07
Coffee,	4 26
Carbolic acid,	25
Crockery,	1 80
Chocolate,	45
Cows,	189 00
Castings,	2 67
Drain pipe,	2 00
Dr. C. B. Sanders' bill,	7 00
Eggs,	65
Extract lemon,	83
Evaporated apple,	1 39
Farming tools,	8 06
Flour,	18 12
Flour barrels,	6 30
Fertilizer,	22 10
Fish,	13 61
Fruit jars,	2 38
Garden and Field seed,	22 12

Glass,	$2 62
Greens,	84
Grain,	617 51
Hops,	25
Hardware,	6 12
Holt's, L. U., bill,	9 62
Insect powder,	60
Kerosene oil,	2 40
Lemons,	1 23
Labor,	22 25
Lamp chimneys,	57
Lumber,	9 60
Ladder,	3 00
Meat bill,	83 27
Medicine,	4 24
Molasses,	8 19
Matches,	18
Nest eggs,	35
Oyster shells	90
Onions,	46
Paris green,	84
Paint and oil,	4 07
Pins and needles,	40
Pails,	55
Putty,	20
Pigs,	13 08
Potatoes,	12 00
Rolled oats.	48
Rope,	28
Rice,	32
Rosin,	15
Raisins,	2 38
Repairs on harness,	4 65
Repairs on mowing machine,	6 35
Salt,	2 38

Sweet potatoes,	75	
Spices,	2 26	
Soda,	35	
Soap,	4 35	
Sugar,	27 42	
Scraps,	2 97	
Squashes,	90	
Stove polish,	16	
Syrup,	2 05	
Syrup cup,	45	
Starch,	25	
Services of H. C. Scarlet and wife,	495 86	
" E. H. Cutler,	50 00	
" L. C. Taylor,	15 00	
" A. C. Handley,	6 00	
Tea,	3 50	
Tomato plants,	30	
Tub,	38	
Tinware,	2 41	
Thread,	1 28	
Twine,	12	
Use of bull,	1 00	
Vinegar,	20	
Wheelwright's bill,	4 00	
Washing powder,	25	
Wood saw,	83	
Yeast,	80	
Expenditures,		$1,914 37
Receipts,		1,588 65
Income less than expense,		$325 72
Due from treasury to balance account,		325 72
Interest on farm,		240 00
		$565 72
Victualling and lodging 176 tramps,		70 40
Cost of supporting poor on farm,		$495 32

Whole number of persons exclusive of tramps supported at almshouse,	4
Average number,	3 3-4
Present number,	3

E. H. CUTLER,
LYMAN C. TAYLOR,
AARON C. HANDLEY,
} *Overseers of Poor.*

We have examined the above accounts of the Overseers of Poor and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
} *Auditors.*

Town Clerk's Report for 1891.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1891.

No.	Date of Birth. 1861.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
1.	Jan. 3.	Edith May Holton.	Charles J. and Jennie A. Holton.
2.	Jan. 5.	Gilbert Raymond Jones.	Fred. G. and Mary A. Jones.
3.	Jan. 9.	Harry Esmond Goodwin.	Edgar and Ida F. Goodwin.
4.	Jan. 17.	Leonard Dupee White.	John Sidney and Bertha H. White.
5.	Feb. 10.	Vera May Charlton.	Will Murray and Minnie M. Charlton.
6.	Feb. 18.	Evelyn Knowlton.	Frank R. and Emma S. Knowlton.
7.	Mar. 23.	Estelle Knowlton.	Amasa M. and Elizabeth F. Knowlton.
8.	Mar. 9.	Glenna Alene Crosby.	Frank and Josephine Crosby.
9.	Apr. 13.	Lela Antonia Simmensen.	Peter and Paulina Simmensen.
10.	Apr. 22.	Walter Ball Kenyon.	Noble H. and Eva K. Kenyon.
11.	May 4.	Walter E. Burr.	William R. and Emily Burr.
12.	May 27.	Ralph Lewis Hastings.	Lewis C. and Emma F. Hastings.

No.	Date of Birth. 1891.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
13.	May 29.	Mary Margaret Murphy.	Michael and Joanna Murphy.
14.	May 31.	Andrew Clark Jenkins.	Andrew C. and Rachel A. Jenkins.
15.	July 10.	Virgie E. Wilson.	John D. and Agnes A. Wilson.
16.	July 25.	A Son.	Samuel B. and Harriet Harris.
17.	July 29.	Ethel Amy Ball.	George W. and Addie B. Ball.
18.	Aug. 9.	Jacob S. Harrington.	Jas. B. and Effie V. Harrington.
19.	Aug. 30.	Thomas Joseph Jackman.	James and Margaret J. Jackman.
20.	Aug. 15.	Levi Clarence Wheeler.	Jairus C. and Alice M. Wheeler.
21.	Aug. 25.	Everett Eugene Sargent.	Albert F. and Sarah F. Sargent.
22.	Aug. 29.	Ray Nichols Robbins.	Webster C. and Amelia H. Robbins.
23.	Sept. 27.	A Son.	Albert Long and Sophia E. Wetherbee.
24.	Sept. 17.	Fred Earle Clark.	Charles H. and Hannah R. Clark.
25.	Sept. 20.	Harry Charles Johnson.	Charles J. and Sarah M. Johnson.
26.	Oct. 15.	Ralph Franklin Lord.	Charles E. and Annie N. Lord.
27.	Oct. 11.	Carl Norman Davidson.	Norman A. and M. Alice Davidson.
28.	Oct. 16.	Gertrude Moore.	William J. and Mary A. F. Moore.
29.	Nov. 5.	Emma Frances Poore.	George W. and S. Estelle Poore.
30.	Nov. 4.	A Son.	Charles F. and Annie F. Haley.

No.	Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
	1891.		
31.	Nov. 10.	Agnes Viola Barber.	Giles A. and Maggie M. Barber.
32.	Nov. 14.	John Macone.	Alexander and May Grace Macone.
33.	Nov. 22.	Charles Edward Rodway.	Charles B. and Charlotte E. Rodway.
34.	Nov. 27.	Glen Carlton Gould.	Herman A. and Sarah E. Gould.
35.	Nov. 29.	A Daughter.	James A. and Minnie F. Annice.
36.	Nov. 29.	Willie Russell Gill.	James and Jennie Gill.
37.	Dec. 27.	Eva May Gilmore.	Almon H. and Mabel Gilmore.
	1890.		
	Feb. 12.	Annie Frances Kinsley.	James and Annie Kinsley.

MARRIAGES RECORDED BY TOWN CLERK IN 1892.

No.	Date—1891.	Names and Residence of Parties.	Where Married.
1.	Jan. 1.	Gilman H. Parlin of Acton, and Annie U. Simmensen of Acton.	Carlisle.
2.	Jan. 24.	Herbert R. Moore of Acton, and Hannah Holmen of Waltham.	Waltham.
3.	Jan. 28.	Arthur F. Blanchard of Acton, and Charlotte T. Sanderson of Littleton.	Littleton.
4.	Feb. 2.	Franklin O. Watson of Minneapolis, Minn., and Sarah A. Tuttle of Acton.	Acton.
5.	Apr. 1.	Fred A. Brown of Marlboro, and Mary A. Hallowell of Stow.	Acton.
6.	May 20.	Lewis Grant Freeman of Acton, and Annie McCall of Cambridge.	Cambridge.

No.	Date—1891.	Names and Residence of Parties.	Where Married.
7.	June 11.	Hugh McNamara of Acton, and Bridget Kelly of Lowell.	Lowell.
8.	June 17.	Almon H. Gilmore of Acton, and Mabel Dufresne of Acton.	Acton.
9.	July 9.	William Sullivan of Acton, and Kate Welch of Acton.	Concord.
10.	Aug. 9.	Walter A. Brown of Shelburne Falls, and A.Blanche Mead of Boxborough.	Acton.
11.	Sept. 2.	Edward T. Quimby of Boscawen,N.H., and Annie J. Noyes of Acton.	Acton.
12.	Sept. 2.	Elbridge L. Wheeler of Acton, and Florence I. Noyes of Acton.	Acton.
13.	Sept. 9.	John E. McGregor of Acton, and Ida M. Littlefield of Acton.	Acton.
14.	Sept. 19.	Owen L. Newcomb of Acton, and Honora Coleman of Port Greville,N.S.	Boston.
15.	Oct. 1.	Arthur C. Meehan of Charlestown, and Annie E. Boylan of Acton.	Concord.
16.	Oct. 15.	George B. Hooper of Acton, and Ida E. Priest of Maynard.	Bedford.
17.	Oct. 27.	Charles A. Hoppin Jr. of Worcester, and May Frances Bowen of Acton.	Boston.
18.	Nov. 7.	Ernest S. Morse of Acton, and Estella M. Beach of Acton.	Acton.
19.	Nov. 8.	John Redfearn of Acton, and Esther Logan of Acton.	East Boston.
20.	Dec. 2.	Frank A. Merriam of Acton, and Bertha M. Jones of Acton.	Acton.
21.	Dec. 2.	Anthony I. Goding of Acton, and Flora E. Clark of Acton.	Boxborough.
22.	Dec. 17.	Arthur W. Armstrong of Acton, and Emily C. Hall of Acton.	Acton.

No.	Date—1891.	Names and Residence of Parties.	Where Married.
23.	Dec. 24.	Samuel R. Simpson of Acton, and Bessie Vaughn of Acton.	Acton.

DEATHS RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK IN 1891.

No.	Date—1891.	Names of Persons Deceased.	Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
1.	Jan. 6.	Nancy K. Handley, widow of David M. Handley,	49	10	28
2.	Jan. 13.	John Mann,	75	6	—
3.	Jan. 24.	J. Augustine Houston,	56	1	24
4.	Feb. 12.	Frances A. Stone, widow of Edwin Stone,	37	2	19
5.	Feb. 14.	John Whipple Aldrich,	57	3	—
6.	Feb. 17.	Catherine Lecaine Howlett, widow of John Howlett,	94	11	—
7.	Feb. 25.	Benjamin F. B. Brooks, son of Fredson P. and Martha M. Brooks,	2	4	8
8.	Feb. 26.	Ena May Smith, daughter of Geo. H. and Cora E. Smith,	—	10	4
9.	Mar. 6.	Charlotte Tarbell Blood, widow of Sumner Blood,	78	—	—
10.	Mar. 18.	Frank Henry Bulette,	32	5	28
11.	Mar. 19.	John F. Blood,	56	1	21
12.	Mar. 19.	Patrick Gallagher,	75	—	—
13.	Apr. 2.	Susan E. Handley, widow of Abraham B. Handley,	86	10	12
14.	Apr. 6.	George Chandler,	80	10	25
15.	Apr. 8.	Martha Lawrence,	84	1	2
16.	Apr. 16.	Clarina A. Warner, widow of Elias Warner,	82	11	29
17.	Apr. 24.	Henry Brooks,	61	3	24
18.	Apr. 27.	Hattie M. Robbins,	21	11	2

No.	Date—1891.	Names of Persons Deceased.	Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
19.	May 5.	Mary Ann McDonald, wife of John McDonald,	33	10	—
20.	May 13.	Martha B.Sawin, widow of Samuel Sawin,	81	—	—
21.	May 13.	Julia A. Hayward, wife of Arnold Hayward,	77	10	13
22.	May 17.	Alice A. Brooks, wife of Amos Brooks,	75	11	—
23.	May 21.	Gilman H. Parlin,	27	11	21
24.	May 21.	Amos Brooks,	84	8	26
25.	May 22.	Caroline K. Robbins, wife of Alvin M. Robbins,	69	11	11
26.	June 11.	Henry P. Chandler,	69	11	23
27.	June 25.	George Irving Harris,	16	8	19
28.	July 7.	Edith May Holton, daughter of Charles J. and Jennie A. Holton,	—	6	—
29.	July 25.	Infant son of Samuel B. and Harriet L. Harris,	—	—	—
30.	July 26.	John Swift Fletcher,	42	3	17
31.	July 31.	Frances M. Reed, wife of J. Everett Reed,	60	—	7
32.	Aug. 6.	Mary Ann McCabe, daughter of Cornelius and Mary McCabe,	2	1	13
33.	Aug. 13.	E. Lester Hall, son of E. Lester and Lucy F. Hall,	—	7	3
34.	Aug. 22.	Francis Robbins,	84	4	28
35.	Sept. 2.	Walter E. Burr, son of Wm. R. and Emily Burr,	—	3	29
36.	Sept. 28.	Lucy Jane Tuttle, widow of Horace Tuttle,	84	—	11
37.	Sept. 29.	James Wood Hayward,	81	3	29
38.	Nov. 2.	Thomas Calder,	45	4	—
39.	Nov. 8.	John J. Beatty,	75	—	—

No.	Date—1891.	Names of Persons Deceased.	Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
40.	Nov. 9.	Bessie Currie, wife of Douglas Currie,	31	8	2
41.	Nov. 12.	Infant son of Charles F. and Annie Haley,	—	—	9
42.	Nov. 24.	Mary Skinner, widow of Heury Skinner,	95	3	10
43.	Nov. 26.	Reuel Williams,	43	11	—
44.	Dec. 1.	Elijah Bryan,	69	—	—
45.	Dec. 23.	George A. Stevens,	79	6	1

NAMES OF PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1892.

E. F. Shapley.
C. S. Simonds, 1 female.
Charles H. Holton.
George Desseault.
Mildred E. Handley.
Willle S. Fletcher.
Abel Cole.
C. B. Sanders.
Wm. Clark.
Fredson P. Brooks.
Otis H. Forbush.
Geo. T. Barstow.
Lawrin W. Pratt.
Blanche Bassett.
Corydon O. Stone.
H. A. Littlefield.
Luther Conant.
A. L. Lawrence, 1 female.
A. L. Lawrence, 1 male.
Chas. J. Williams.
Clarence B. Smith.
Augustus Fletcher.
John W. Randall.
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee.
George W. Ball.
Clara L. Stone.

Samuel Jones, Jr.
Sylvester Haynes.
Frank Pratt.
Daniel H. Farrar.
Mrs. Daniel Harris.
Aaron C. Handley.
D. James Wetherbee.
Amasa M. Knowlton.
David C. Harris.
J. W. Clark.
Fred Reed.
Chas. L. Davis.
Chauncy B. Robbins, 2.
E. B. Forbush.
William Wilson.
M. E. Taylor.
Ralph Crooker.
Thomas Calder.
Henry Hanson.
Charles Wheeler, 1 female.
Charles H. Wheeler.
Alonzo L. Tuttle.
John Kelley.
Geo. H. Brooks.
Geo. H. Smith.
Wm. H. Hill.
Lyman Tuttle.
Willie H. Gilmore.
Mrs. Chas. Varney.
Wm. S. Jones.
Fred G. Jones.
Henry M. Smith.
Webster C. Robbins, 2.
Adelbert Mead.
Octavus A. Knowlton.
Thomas Manion.
William Jennings.
A. J. Fletcher.
Noble H. Kenyon.
George McDougal.
Abel Farrar.
Charles Morris.
George A. Hayward.
Thos. J. Sawyer.
L. M. Stewart.
J. C. Hunt.
John Temple.
Solon A. Robbins.
E. Eddie Fletcher.
Antoine Bulette.
W. W. Philbrick.
Charles S. Moulton.
Geo. H. S. Houghton.
Luke Tuttle.
Chas. A. Harrington.
Mrs. Geo. F. Flagg.
Wm. J. Moore.
Mrs. Jennie A. Pratt.
Jas. P. Brown.
Chas. J. Holton.
J. H. Standish.
Harvey J. Bishop.
Eph. L. Hall.
Moses Taylor.
Daniel Tuttle.
A. A. Wyman.
R. G. Brooks.
C. H. Mead & Co.
Chas. Barker.
Martin H. Worden.

Warren H. Jones.
William Hayes, 1 female.
Wm. B. Davis.
Geo. Conant.
Fred Lewis.
Lucius S. Hosmer.
Alexander Allen.

Whole no. of Dogs Licensed, 105. Males, 99. Females, 6.
Whole amount received from licenses, $228.00.

WM. D. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*

Acton, March 2, 1892.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES:

LUTHER CONANT,
ADELBERT MEAD,
MOSES TAYLOR,
DELETTE H. HALL,
HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
LUCIUS A. HESSELTON,
WM. D. TUTTLE,
REV. JAMES FLETCHER.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Of the Acton Memorial Library, 1891-92.

The Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library, in accordance with custom, hereby present their second annual report. In submitting this report we feel that the assured success of this very valuable institution will be readily acknowledged by everyone. Though there has been a slight diminution in the number of books issued, this may be accounted for as arising from causes that do not affect the general condition of interest in the library.

The number of library cards given out has increased during the year from 586 to 703.

The proportion of books called for from the different departments of history, fiction, etc., remains about the same as last year.

The whole number of volumes issued during the year has been 9937.

The number of accessions during the year has been 253.

Number of visitors registered from June 17, 1891, to March, 1892, 298.

Whole number of books now in the library, 4420.

Number of books lost since the opening of the library, 0.

Number of books re-bound, 18.

Number of magazines bound, 18.

Fines collected during the year, $20.00.

The means to pay for the books purchased during the year were provided as follows: Early in the year, as evidence of his continued and permanent interest in the library, Mr. Wilde sent to the Trustees a check for the sum of $100, all of which has been expended in books. The town, at its annual meeting in April, appropriated a similar sum, of which $82.98 has been paid for the same purpose. For the magazines placed upon the table in the reading room for 1892, the sum of $22.95 has been paid. The list of these publications is as follows: Atlantic Monthly, Cassell's Magazine, Harper's Monthly, Century Magazine, Scribner's Magazine, St. Nicholas, Wide Awake, Harper's Young People, New England Magazine. Mr. Wilde also furnishes the Child's Hour, Our Sunday Afternoon and the Cottage Hearth. Mr. Chas. J. Williams has also contributed the Congressional Record for the same purpose.

Books donated to the library during the past year:

William A. Wilde, (proceeds of check for $100,)	112 vols.
Social Library,	1
Rev. G. W. Stearns,	1
Department of State,	1
Ada C. Davis,	1
Hon. M. T. Stevens,	1
Luther Conant,	5
Augustine B. Conant,	1
Hon. F. T. Greenhaldge,	1
Deloraine P. Corey, Malden,	21
Frederic A. Tupper,	1
Col. Gardner Tufts,	1
Smithsonian Institution,	1
Jonas S. Hunt, Sudbury,	1
Walter Baker,	1
Paid for by the Town,	100
Total,	253

Other articles of value donated to the library:

Picture of Libby Prison, where Union soldiers were confined in Richmond, as it appeared in 1863, by Moses Taylor, Esq.

Portrait of Gen. McClellan, by Hon. William A. Wilde.

"The Last Cartridge," a French engraving, Hon. W. A. Wilde.

Also, upon the evening of the 20th of April, Mr. Wilde, in the Town hall, presented to Post 138, G. A. R., the members of which were present in large numbers, an artist's proof engraving of Bachelder's picture of the Battle of Gettysburg at the time of the repulse of Longstreet's assault, July 3, 1863, to be placed in Memorial hall, accompanying the presentation with an interesting and eloquent address.

Afterward, during the same evening, Dr. I. Hutchins, representing Capt. Aaron C. Handley, who commanded Co. E, old Sixth Regt., Mass. Vols., during its second term of service in the war of the Rebellion, presented to the Post the sword and scabbard carried by Capt. Handley while he was in service. The Post in turn, through Commander Delette H. Hall, committed the sword to the custody of the trustees of the Acton Memorial Library, to be permanently kept in Memorial hall, as a memento of that ever memorable contest. The sword is a very elegant specimen of workmanship, and was presented to Capt. Handley by the company under his command, every member of the company contributing to the purchase. We give Capt. Handley's letter in full:

Commander of Isaac Davis Post, No. 138, *Dept. of Mass., G. A. R.:*

My Dear Sir—I have treasured and held very highly for a long time the sword presented to me by Co. E of the 6th Mass. Vols., while in the service of our country. I think every member participated in the present.

I now desire to place it in your hands, and through you into the custody of the trustees of Memorial Library, to be

kept and preserved by the town of Acton in Memorial hall forever.

I desire that it shall be for the use of Isaac Davis Post, No. 138, G. A. R., also for the Benj. Lovell Camp of the Sons of Veterans, on all public occasions and celebrations in which either of the above organizations or any military organization in Acton shall take a part.

Commander, please accept it for the purposes and uses above named.

Respectfully yours,
AARON C. HANDLEY.

South Acton, Mass., April 20th, 1891.

Even now an inspection of Memorial hall will show that it is fast becoming a repository of rare and valuable mementos of the past, and also an art gallery, to which all visitors are welcome.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

By Wm. D. Tuttle.

RECEIPTS.

Town appropriation for current expenses,	$400 00
" " for new books,	100 00
Gift of Hon. W. A. Wilde for same purpose,	100 00
Fines collected to March 1, 1891,	12 67
" " to March 1, 1892,	20 00
Total,	$632 67

EXPENDITURES.

Estes & Lauriat, for new books,	$182 98
Henry D. Noyes & Co., for magazines for reading room,	22 95
Ida A. Hale, services as librarian,	102 00
Julian Tuttle, services as janitor to April 1, 1891,	13 40
Rev. James Fletcher, services as janitor 11 mos. to March 1, 1892,	91 67

D. A. Cutler, for transportation of books,	50 00
J. G. Roberts & Co., for re-binding books, etc.,	16 98
L. Barta, for printing supplementary catalogues,	28 00
L. Barta, for printing 10,000 library slips,	9 27
J. E. Cutter, for 20,300 lbs. coal,	63 44
M. E. Taylor & Co., for oil and supplies for 1890,	21 24
" " " " " 1891,	16 37
For visitor's registry book and ink pot,	7 50
For town histories of Sudbury, Medford, Westford and Woburn, by way of exchange,	5 00
L. U. Holt, for repairs,	2 00
L. Conant, for express charges,	2 70
Janitor, for incidental supplies,	36 16
Total,	$671 66
	632 67
Deficiency,	$38 99

As will be seen, a portion of the deficiency of $38.99 arises from the fact that a bill for oil and supplies for 1890, amounting to $21.24, was not sent in season to be included in the report of that year. The actual excess of expenditure being so small, the trustees have voted to ask for an appropriation of $400.00, the same as last year.

Our library is doing a silent but effective work; its influences are felt in every house in this community. A public library is at once a common school and a university, and while it presents to us the realities of the past, it indicates the lines of progress of the future. And in that future we confidently look forward to an ever widening and broadening service, for that is the common destiny of institutions of this character.

For the Trustees,

LUTHER CONANT.

1638
2800
1637
7.50

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1891-92.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Town of Acton:

In the retrospect of the year we have first to remind the citizens that God has been having what seems to have been a special oversight of the youth for the few months past. No contageous diseases have been prevalent. The grippe, so disastrous in its attacks upon the adults and the aged, has turned to the right and left when meeting the boys and girls on their cheery path to and from the school work. The average percentage of attendance for all the schools for the year is 91, which is better than was feared, and better than the general average for the State. There has been no approach to a failure on the part of any of the schools or teachers. There has been but little change in the personnel of instruction, and no desire for a change by the committee, except where stern necessity demands. The same is true of text books, the policy being to hold fast that which is known to be good rather than imperil appropriations upon doubtful experiments at the solicitation of every new-comer. Some extra expenses have been incurred in the way of repairs of school buildings, but they have been in the line of practical economy and not of wasteful extravagance.

What is regarded by private individuals as only decent and prudential foresight in the case of their houses, barns and premises has the same claim for approval where the condition of the school house is in question.

If a school house worth preserving for future use needs shingling, it is not economy or sense to let it remain long without protection. Damages from neglect are more expensive than repairs judiciously planned.

Public buildings, from the necessity of the case, are more exposed to wear and tear than private structures, and the school house is no exception to this statement.

A delapidate condition here proclaims at once a municipal stigma, demoralizing within and beyond the school enclosure.

A contemplated heavy expense upon a change in our school structures for a more satisfactory ventilation, ordered by the State Inspector of Public Buildings, has been deferred for the present.

There was a hearing before the Selectmen, who are ex-officio the Board of Health for the Town with power to modify or annul the State order.

The State Inspector appeared in person, presenting the claims of the order.

A. A. Wyman, Esq., appeared for the School Committee on an appeal to annul the order.

After due deliberation upon the immediate necessities of the case, the Board of Health finally decided to annul the order, leaving the whole subject for future deliberation and action.

The ventilation episode, it is hoped, will not be without its advantage to all concerned, and may ultimately lead to tangible results. We have a magnificent system of ventilalation, provided by the higher powers, going on all around in these parts, without any extra charge, especially in the month of March, and it is a great pity if we have not brains nough in some way to secure our full share of the gratuity.

Grading the Schools.

The experience of years, and the careful investigations and decisions of the wisest experts appointed by the highest authorities in matters of education, pronounce in favor of the grade. Have your grade, by all means, is their verdict. Make it as complete as your local conditions will permit. Give it a generous and loyal support. If it has its defects any other plan has defects more numerous.

But what for the Town of Acton?

We are not situated in the central, northern and eastern sections of the Town for making the grade so cheaply and easily as at the south and west villages.

Nor are the West and South villages so favorably conditioned as they would be if united in one. What is wanted for all the scholars in town is an approximate equality in the advantages of a graded system.

The most feasible plan for securing this in the present and prospective conditions of the Town seems, after mature and impartial thought, something like the following, leaving the High School as now:

Take the average membership of the past year in the west, and have three grades—the Grammar, Intermediate and Primary:

Average membership of the Grammar,	35.1
" " " Primary,	40.
	3)75.1
	25.3

The average membership for each school at the West.

South village, average membership of Grammar,	29.5
" " " " Primary,	35.7
South-east, " "	8.2
	3)73.4
	24.5

Average membership of Primary, Intermediate and Grammar at the South, providing transportation for each scholar at the South-east from his home.

Combine the North and East schools at the Centre, furnishing transportation for each scholar from his home to the Centre :

Average membership of the North,	19.9
" " " East,	24.
" " " Centre, Grammar,	16.8
" " " " Primary,	13.5
	3)74.2
	24.7

Average membership of Grammar, Intermediate and Primary at the Centre.

This arrangement would give the same number of schools and teachers as at present, the advantages of a graded system for all the town, the stimulus of numbers, for scholars and teachers, in every school, without the confusion of an excess.

This proposition will, doubtless, at first strike some in the rural districts with prejudice, reminiscences of the past, old associations, local attachments, the fear of diminishing values because of removal from the school house, will lead to opposition at the outset. But it really brings a better school nearer to the door if transportation is furnished, and, if so,

how can the farm lose value? The experiment has been faithfully tried in other towns and the results do not prove the depreciation of estates. If the experiment, after proper deliberation, could be harmoniously adopted by the town, the results would in the end, beyond doubt, vindicate the wisdom of the plan. If, however, the time has not yet come for definite action, without too much irritation and complaint, let it abide for the calm moments of a future date. The signs point quite significantly towards the contemplated project. The watchword is forward! not a cowardly retreat to the rear.

The idea of consolidation is forced upon us by the changed condition within fifty years. Fifty years ago there must have been at least a hundred scholars in the eastern and northern portions of the town. Large family groups were scattered in all that section, some of them counting by the dozen. Now only about half that number can be found in the two schools at the North and East combined. The same is true of the Centre. Within the memory of some now living, a hundred scholars were in one school, with one teacher. The discipline of the crowd was ordinarilly enough for any master to manage, without wasting his strength on the minor matters of instruction. The little ones on the lower seats were pleased if they had one chance recognition in the course of the long day from the master in the desk. If only these large family groups on the hills and by the brooks could be duplicated, we might drop the question of transportation, and have the grade on the old spot.

In 1826, 412 pupils (227 males and 185 females,) attended schools in town—139 under 7 years, 160 from 7 to 14, and 113 from 14 upwards. The number now reported is 254, with a population nearly double what it was in 1826, and with a valuation more than double what it was then.

The logic of these facts argues for a liberal policy in providing for the education of the youth, now entrusted to the town. They are treasures rare in comparison with the past. In their physical, mental and moral equipment—in their ambitions to match the great destinies that are just upon them, they are not a whit behind their honored progenitors. The town will do itself a discredit, and its youth an injustice, if it does not keep step to the music of the times, and say "forward, march."

Sentiment in Schools.

Ex-President Cleveland, in his recent Washington's birthday address at Detroit, emphasized the importance of sentiment in politics. We may not all agree with him in our political views. We may not all vote for him if again a candidate for the presidency, but we must all sanction with a hearty amen, the main thought of that address. Politics is dead and buried without sentiment. So when we pass into the domain of schools, they are dead and worse than buried without sentiment.

The dollars will come forth from the pockets of the taxpayers with but half their power to bless the giver and receiver, unless the glow of an enthusiast starts them on their mission.

The well furnished desk of the pupil will be but trash in his presence, unless the sentiment of a bounding heart swathes each book at the touch.

The columns of figures as they are added will be but stupid nothings, tiring the nerves, unless there can be a sentiment within to feel the beauty of those combinations, to repeat the charm of ascending and descending the scale, to say at the end how true to themselves and to each other those figures stand—for all times, places and persons, what constancy!

We hear about the hum-drum of the school room, but never from the lips of a teacher whose heart beats quicker at the sight of a pupil whom she is to instruct, care for and bless—whose inspiration starts anew at the stroke of each morning bell that calls her again to her choicest work.

Sentiment has built all our institutions of learning, from the Kindergarten to the University, and when sentiment dies the grandest structures fall, and the vision is no more.

High School.

The Acton High School has enjoyed for another year the faithful and earnest instructions of Mr. Armstrong. He has labored in season and out of season for the best culture of his pupils. If in any instance he has missed his high ideal, it has not been for the lack of an ideal. If obstructions have crossed his path, they have only stirred within a higher purpose to stand in his lot and place, and await the issues of another trial.

This school has already entrenched itself in the confidence of the town, as is shown by the continued support of its citizens. It has become so adjusted to the other grades that any misfortune to this must affect disastrously all the others. So, also, any improvement in this will have a tonic, uplifting force, ranging through all the ranks.

The principal needs the efficient co-operation of a competent assistant. If this could be had, a larger and more satisfactory course of study could be furnished. If the question is assistant or transportation, let the vote go for the assistant.

The whole number of different pupils in the High School during the year, ...	56
The number of pupils over 15 years, ...	40
The number of pupils under 15 years, ...	16

Total average membership,	39.2
Average attendance,	35.5
Percentage of attendance,	90.6
Number of applicants in the written examination in June,	42
Number entitled to certificates,	27
Number of applicants at the written examination in August,	5
Number admitted,	1

The climax of educational interest in town was reached Friday evening, June 12, when the Town hall was crowded with an intensely appreciative audience, to witness the sixth graduating exercises. The past graduates, in a body, accompanied the school, and took seats near the platform, attesting their hearty good wishes for their alma mater.

PROGRAMME:

1—March.
2—Prayer, Rev. Dr. Knowlton
3—Music. Chorus.
4—Salutatory and Essay. "The Phonograph." Charles E. Smith
5—Essay and History. "Character." Mabel H. Decoster
6—Music. Vocal Duet.
7—Essay. "The Education of Women." Lizzie A. Manion
8—Essay. "At the Threshold." Grace N. Houghton
9—Music. Vocal Solo.
10—Essay. "The Middle Ages vs. Modern Times," Raymond O. Littlefield
11—Essay. "Books Well Chosen." Lulu M. Lawrence
12—Music. Vocal Solo.
13—Declamation. "The Battle of Lexington." Bancroft. Sumner M. Teele
14—Essay and Proprecy. "Our Grandmothers and We." Jessie P. Wood

15—Music. Vocal Duet.
16—Essay and Valedictory. "Work that Ennobles.'
Etta R. Hall
17—Presentation of Diplomas.
18—Music. Chorus.

The floral decorations and tributes were rare and rich. The exercises were every way meritorious, and a great gratification and credit to the town.

Three year's course of the High School, subject to changes which may hereafter be made, according to the judgment of the Committee, and the light of experience.

FIRST YEAR.

First Term.—Arithmetic and Book-keeping, alternating.
English Grammar and Composition.
General History.

Second Term.—Arithmetic and Book-keeping, alternating.
English Grammar and Composition.
General History.

Third Term.—Arithmetic and Book-keeping, alternating.
Rhetoric and Botany.

SECOND YEAR.

First Term.—Algebra begun.
Latin begun.
Physiology.

Second Term.—Algebra continued.
Latin continued.
Physics begun.

Third Term.—Geometry begun.
Physics continued.
Latin continued.

THIRD YEAR.

First Term.—Geometry continued.
Latin continued.
Chemistry begun.

Second Term.—Physical Geograhapy.
Latin continued.
Chemistry continued.

Third Term.—Civil Government.
Latin continued.
Geology.

Four recitations in each branch per week.

Wednesday, a modified programme, including Compositions, Reading, Spelling, Drawing and other miscellaneous recitations as shall be deemed the most important at the time.

Rhetoric and Literature the second and third years once a week as Wednesday work.

The monthly written test to be continued as the fairest and surest proof of the real progress made.

THE CENTRE SCHOOL.

Grammar Department.

Miss Clara B. Holden, ... Teacher.

Ten pupils from this school presented themselves as candidates for the High School at the June examination. Eight of them received certificates, an unusual percentage, reflecting great credit upon them and their teacher.

Notwithstanding the loss of so many from the school by promotion, the average membership, also the average attendance, has been larger than the numbers reported five years since.

Order, discipline, thorough instruction, studious habits, have remained as the marked features of the school when visited. Miss Holden has a tact for reaching at once the foundation principles of knowledge. She seeks to plant her pupils upon a solid resting place to begin with, that the superstructure as it rises may fear no disturbance from the collisions of time. The public half day at the close attested to all present the certainty of the good work which had been going on so quietly all the year.

CENTRE PRIMARY.

Miss Sarah E. Hammond, ... Teacher.

This little craft has been sailing on peaceful waters throughout the year under the same pilot. The decks have not been crowded with passengers, but those on board have had a jaunty time. They have been well cared for, and have made some fine discoveries among the various inlets of knowledge. They have been allowed to throw out the hook and line into the sparkling waters and some of them have been in luck and caught a string which has more than pleased their youthful ambitions. Father and mother have been delighted as the tale of their adventures has been told. Other excursions are planned under the same pilot. It is understood that twenty-one are available for the trip, and if they will all secure a passage in season they are sure of a safe and happy return. Those present when the craft came to her moorings wished they could have been on board, but those days are gone. The best that can be done with gray hairs is to let the tint remain, and be glad that the primaries are having their day.

NORTH SCHOOL.

Miss Susan E. Conant, - - - Teacher.

The school has been fortunate in retaining the services of Miss Conant for the entire year. She has been unsparing in her efforts to make the school a success, and such it has been in all particulars in a marked degree. There has been excellent deportment, a vivacious method in conducting recitations, attention to the details in all parts of the daily programme, and prompt loyalty to the ticking of the clock. The apparent secret of success has been the quick perception of the needs of individual scholars, and the ability and disposition to meet that need. The register shows a high percentage in the average attendance. Scholars, parents and committee united with the teacher in regrets that the public day had to be postponed on account of her temporary illness, and these regrets are intensified by the necessity of her relinquishing the charge for the coming term.

EAST SCHOOL.

Miss Rena M. Carr, - - - - - Teacher.

Miss Carr has remained faithfully at her post for the year, and the result is unmistakable progress in all lines. She has an energetic, practical, common sense way of finding out what needs to be done by herself and pupils, and then seeing that it is done by all the parties concerned before nightfall. When she adds up the columns at the close, though there are some ciphers here and there, the grand total leaves a good balance for another day's start. When all the balances of the year are closed, there is found a surprising amount for the net income. The business has paid, and had better be continued at the old stand and by the same partners.

Three of her pupils passed the written test for the High School. There have been other losses of scholars by removal, but there are goodly number of faithful ones left, mostly boys. There have been two public days, one in the fall and one in winter, and the exercises in all the branches have been satisfactory, and a pleasure to the visitors.

SOUTH EAST SCHOOL.

Spring Term.

MISS HATTIE L. TUTTLE, - - - Teacher.

The school maintained its creditable condition during the term, and two of its members received certificates to the High School at the June examination.

Fall Term.

MRS. A. H. LOKER, - - - - Teacher.

Mrs. Loker entered upon her charge with an interest and ambition worthy of her former reputation as a teacher. She spared no pains to do full justice to the trust. She won the confidence of the pupils, and sure progress was made in all the studies. The minutest items belonging to a successful school were attended to, but the conditions of her health constrained the relinquishment of her care at the close of the term, much to the regret of the committee and district.

Winter Term.

MRS. ELLA E. DAY, - - - - Teacher.

The school, disappointed in the departure of other teachers, was again favored in being able to secure, at short notice, one who had formerly taught the school with special acceptance.

Mrs. Day met expectations, maintained excellent order, and inspired an interest in the studies. The public day at

the close of the winter term brought together an appreciating company of visitors, who united in praise of the general management and success of the school.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Grammar Department—Spring Term.

MISS CLARA A. JOHNSON, ... Teacher.

She retained charge of this school through the spring with her wonted vigor and thoroughness. It is a royal satisfaction to the visitor, when witnessing such a school, to note the quiet, dignified and graceful art with which the elements are kept in control.

The superficial, hesitating answer of the idler, as his turn comes in the class, is at once detected. His head droops with the confession of wasted moments. The united sentiment of the school falls upon the guilty one and he resolves to do better.

An uncontrollable negative from the home conditions of her friends obliged us to let her go with a God bless you for the work done in Acton.

Fall and Winter Terms.

MISS HATTIE L. TUTTLE, ... Teacher.

Miss Tuttle stepped from her successful experience in the South-east school into the graver responsibilities of the South Grammar Department.

She has gone through her probationary period with scholars and parents, and now it is confidently hoped bright, peaceful futures await her efforts.

The exercises of the public day gave sure testimony to the visitors of a teacher worthy of their earnest and united co-operation.

Primary Department.

MISS S. ANNA L. TIRRELL, ... Teacher.

There has been no change of teachers in this school, and no occasion for a change. In the general care and instruction of this large company of Primaries the same qualities have re-appeard as reported a year ago—original tact, gentle, patient manners, and a general unpretending habitude of mind.

The large company of visitors present on the public day made a scene too impressive at the outset. The shattered nerves at last rallied. The palid faces began to glow. The tongues were loosed. They were still living and among friends. Quick answers came back to the questioner on the platform, and they did know something after all. Our regrets multiply and linger at the decision of Miss Tirrell to leave her charge for one possibly more to her tastes, but not certainly more important or precious in its memories.

WEST SCHOOL.

Grammar Department.

MISS ALBERTIE A. PRESTON, . . . Teacher.

This school has had a year of unbroken prosperity under the leadership of Miss Preston. She has excelled herself, which seems to be her ambition at every sally into the uncertainties. The pupils have caught the idea and they have done what they have seen their leader do—excelled themselves. "In order and general deportment, do you say it?" Yes, that is just what is said. "In loyalty to the different studies pursued?" Emphatically, yes. There is no dry study on the list. "In obedience to the wishes of the teacher, expressed or unspoken?" There cannot be a doubt. You can see it in the very style of the movements as they trip to their positions at the blackboards, desk or seats. There seems to

be a rivalry through all the ranks to push the standard of merit for the school to the prize point among competitors.

In the percentage of average attendance ninety-four has been reached, which is the highest point touched in town. Miss Preston has not had the advantages of the Normal education, but she has sought to be a Normal Institution in herself, and find, from actual trial, the methods which fit different moods, persons and conditions.

There was a large gathering of interested visitors to watch the proceedings on the public day. There would have been twice as many if the gentlemen had been there. They all chanted the amen chorus at the close.

Primary Department.

MISS HARRIET H. GARDNER, . . . Teacher.

"Is this the West Acton Kindergarten?" That is the name of it. "Let us go in and take a look. The matron seems to know what she is about. All these plants and flowers to be cared for all the day, and day after day?" Yes, but she knows how to do it, and not whisper a word of complaint. "Isn't that plant off to the right, wilting; it looks like it?" Yes, but you wait, and the good matron will see the droop of the leaf and be there soon and give the whole plant a sprinkling and stir the soil around the roots, and what a change! No more droop. "Does she know all the different kinds of plants, their names, habits, and how to treat each one?" That is the very problem she studies. "Does she not get tired beyond endurance before the day is gone?" She does not speak it. She does not act it. She can sing, and if she does not hum the tune, there is heart music within, and that is the reason the tired does not come.

There was a public visiting day, and many who came through the gates to see were tempted to pluck some of the beautiful flowers and carry them off to their homes.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the School Committee,

JAMES FLETCHER, *Chairman.*

TABULAR STATEMENT FOR 1891-92.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of scholars.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Percentage ot attendance.	Under 5 years.	Over 5 years.	Over 15 years.	Between 8 and 14 years.
Acton High.	A. W. Armstrong.	36	56	39.2	35.5	90.6	0	56	40	16
Center Grammar.	Clara B. Holden.	36	26	16.8	14.9	89.	0	26	3	23
Center Primary.	Sarah E. Hammond.	36	24	13.5	11.5	85.	0	24	0	10
South Grammar.	Clara A. Johnson. Hattie L. Tuttle.	36	39	29.5	27.3	92.5	0	39	4	32
South Primary.	S. Anna L. Tirrell.	36	51	35.7	31.9	89.4	2	49	0	22
West Grammar.	Albertie A. Preston.	36	51	35.1	33.2	94.6	0	51	1	50
West Primary.	Mrs. Harriet L. Gardner.	36	58	40.	37.2	93.	0	58	0	30
North.	Susan E. Conant.	36	32	19.9	18.5	93.	1	31	2	18
East.	Rena M. Carr.	36	31	24.	21.8	91.	0	31	0	20
South East.	Hattie L. Tuttle. Mrs. A. H. Loker. Mrs. E. E. Day.	36	13	8.2	7.5	91.4	0	13	1	7
				251.9	238.8	91.				

Number between 5 and 15, as reported by the Assessors for the year 1891—254.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. MIDDLESEX, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said Town, ON MONDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF APRIL, A. D., 1892, then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To fill all vacancies in the list of Town Officers and Committees.

ART. 3. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of schools and for school supplies for the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 4. To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the repairing of roads and bridges the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the due observance of Memorial Day, or act anything thereon.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept of the provisions of Sec. 72, Chap. 423, Election Act of 1890, to divide the Town into convenient voting precints for the holding of meetings for the choice of officers elective by the people, except Town officers, or take any action thereon.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will elect that hereafter all of the Town officers shall be voted for upon one ballot, or act anything thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will accept Sections 64 to 68, both inclusive, of Chap. 27 of thePublic Statutes, and any amendments thereto, providing for the election of members of the Board of Selectmen and Assessors for the term of three years, or act anything thereon.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will accept the Jury List, as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 10. To vote by ballot, "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxiliquors in this Town for the present year?"

ART. 11. To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, and other Town officers.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.

ART. 13. To see what action the Town will take in relation to lighting its streets the ensuing year.

ART. 14. To hear the report of any Committees chosen to report at this meeting, or act anything thereon.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library for the ensuing year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 16. To see what amount the Town will raise to defray Town charges the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Overseers of the Poor to dig a new well, erect wind-mill, and make special repairs on Town farm buildings the present year, appropriate money therefor, or act anything thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will shingle the West school house, or act anything thereon.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will make certain repairs upon the Great Road, so called, between the residence of Daniel H. Farrar and the Concord line, or do or act anything thereon.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 21. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the preservation and protection of shade and ornamental trees, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies, attested by you, in the following places: One at the store of Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee; one at the store of C. H. Mead & Co.; one at the Nagog House; and one at each of the railroad stations in the Town, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands, in Acton, this twenty-third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

WM. F. STEVENS,
GEORGE R. KEYES,
GUSTAVUS V. BOWEN,
Selectmen of Acton.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1892.

Town Clerk.

William D. Tuttle.

Selectmen.

Wm. F. Stevens, George R. Keyes, Gustavus V. Bowen.

Assessors.

Phineas Wetherbee, Chauncy B. Robbins, John White.

Overseers of the Poor.

Lyman C. Taylor, James B. Tuttle.

Town Treasurer.

Jona. K. W. Wetherbee.

Auditors.

Hiram J. Hapgood, D. James Wetherbee.

School Committee.

Rev. James Fletcher,	Chas. L. Bradford, . .	3 years
Charles J. Williams,	Davis C. Harris, . . .	2 "
Isaiah Hutchins,	William S. Jones, . .	1 "

Cemetery Committee.

John Fletcher, Levi W. Stevens, Horace F. Tuttle.

Fence Viewers.

Nahum C. Reed, H. F. Tuttle, Frank Hosmer.

Surveyors of Lumber.

William B. Davis, George H. Harris, William S. Warren,
Levi W. Stevens, E. F. Richardson, Charles A. Brooks,
Jona. P. Fletcher, Herbert T. Clark.

Surveyors of Wood.

William B. Davis, George H. Harris, Henry D. Parlin,
John F. Davis, S. L Dutton, Herbert T. Clark,
E. F. Richardson, Jona. P. Fletcher.

Surveyor of Hoops and Staves.

Augustus Fletcher.

Constables.

L. E. Reed, South Acton; James Kinsley, West Acton;
Edwin A. Phalen, Acton Centre.

Fish Committee.

Luther Conant, Elnathan Jones, John Fletcher,
Frank H. Whitcomb, Charles J. Williams, John White.

Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library.

(Corporate Members.)

Luther Conant, Delette H. Hall, Adelbert Mead,
Hiram J. Hapgood, Moses Taylor, D. James Wetherbee.

(Chosen by the Town.)

Lucius A. Hesselton, ...	3 years
William D. Tuttle, ...	2 "
Rev. James Fletcher, ...	3 "

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON

(MASS.,)

FROM

FEBRUARY 26, 1892, TO FEBRUARY 26, 1893.



HUDSON, MASS.:
THE ENTERPRISE PRINTING COMPANY.
1893.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF ACTON, in account with J. K. W. WETHERBEE, Treasurer.

1893.		Dr.		
Feb. 26.	To cash paid, State tax,	$1,137	50	
	Cash paid, County tax,	1,270	05	
	Cash paid on Selectmen's orders,	20,973	08	
	Outstanding orders,	1,274	50	
	Balance due the Town,	2,827	59	
				$27,482 72
1892.		Cr.		
Feb. 26.	By cash in the treasury,	$1,965	67	
Rec'd from	I. Hutchins, for loam,	8	00	
	W. F. Stevens, for loam,	6	00	
	W. F. Stevens, for lumber,	7	88	
	W. F. Stevens, for support of W. B. Ball,	8	00	
	Nathan Johnson, for hay in Woodlawn Cemetery,	10	50	
	Phineas Wetherbee, for asparagus,	3	00	
	for rent of Chapel room,	48	75	
	from State Treasurer, for support of State Paupers,	49	75	
	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	631	18	
	State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	493	11	
	State Treasurer, State Aid, chapter 301, acts 1889,	480	00	
	State Treasurer, Military Aid, chapter 279, acts 1889,	145	50	
	State Treasurer, income Massachusetts School Fund,	268	31	

County Treasurer, dog tax,	$224 11	
Acton Memorial Library, for fines,	6 00	
First National Bank of Ayer, borrowed money,	3,000 00	
Estate of Wm. Davis, borrowed money,	1,000 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, money advanced to pay orders,	805 33	
John Fletcher, on account of Woodlawn Cemetery	24 00	
L. W. Stevens, lots sold in Mount Hope Cemetery,	108 00	
L.W. Stevens, wood sold in Mount Hope Cemetery,	10 50	
C. W. Pitman, for rent of Town Hall,	94 00	
E. F. Conant, taxes for 1890,	85 87	
J. E. Cutter, taxes for 1891-2,	17,914 81	
Interest on money in bank,	84 45	
		$27,482 72

Treasurer's Report of Money held for care of Lots in Cemeteries.

	Dr.	
To Hepsabeth Piper fund,	$50 00	
Interest received,	2 00	
Frederick Rouillard fund,	100 00	
Interest received,	2 00	
William W. Davis fund,	100 00	
Jedediah Tuttle fund,	50 00	
		$304 00

Cr.

By cash paid N. Johnson, for labor on lot of Hepsabeth Piper,	$2 00	
Cash paid N. Johnson, for labor on lot of F. Rouillard,	2 00	
Cash in treasury,	300 00	
		$304 00

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

Acton, Feb. 27, 1893.

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD.
D. J. WETHERBEE.
Auditors of the Town of Acton.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Centre School.

Paid Rev. James Fletcher for teachers,	$720 00	
" " " " care of house,	74 18	
" " " " fuel,	47 35	
" " " " cleaning rooms,	6 40	
" " " " incidentals,	12 15	
		$860 08

South School.

Paid C. L. Bradford for teachers,	$720 00	
" " " janitor,	90 00	
" " " fuel,	43 09	
" " " cleaning rooms,	6 50	
" " " incidentals,	10 10	
		$869 69

West School.

Paid Isaiah Hutchins for teachers,	$720 00	
" " " care of house,	78 00	
" " " fuel,	30 00	
" " " cleaning house,	8 05	
" " " incidentals,	40	
		$836 45

South East School.

Paid William S. Jones for teachers,	$324 00	
" " " care of house,	15 00	
" " " fuel,	31 38	
" " " cleaning room,	2 50	
		$372 88

North School.

Paid D. C. Harris for teachers,	$360 00	
" " care of house,	26 00	
" " fuel,	35 60	
" " cleaning house,	4 00	
" " incidentals,	68	
		$426 28

East School.

Paid Charles J. Williams for teachers,	$360 00	
" " " care of house,	39 50	
" " " fuel,	8 00	
" " " incidentals,	2 20	
		$409 70

High School.

Paid A. W. Armstrong for teaching,	$817 76	
Janitors for care of rooms,	34 00	
George Gardner for rent of piano,	10 00	
C. L. Bradford for fuel,	7 00	
E. C. Parker & Co. "	10 83	
J. E. Cutter "	10 00	
C. L. Bradford for incidentals,	1 15	
		$890 74

School Supplies.

Paid Rev. James Fletcher,	$445 86	
A. W. Armstrong,	5 14	
E. B. Goodrich & Co., charts,	75 00	
Charles J. Williams,	5 24	
		$531 24
Balance in hands of committee,		40 93

MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Bills Approved by the Trustees.

Paid Rev. James Fletcher, janitor to March 1, 1892,	(1891) $17 02	
L. U. Holt for repairs,	" 2 00	
M. E. Taylor & Co., for supplies,	" 16 37	
Luther Conant for express,	" 2 70	
D. A. Cutler for transporting books,	" 13 00	
Rev. James Fletcher for History of Bedford,	2 50	

J. G. Roberts & Co., for binding books,		(1891)	$16 98	
L. Barta & Co., for 600 supplements,			28 00	
Estes & Lauriat for books,		"	82 98	
Ida A. Hale for services as librarian,			26 00	
Hiram J. Hapgood, treas., for services of librarian,			78 57	
"	"	" for services of janitor,	100 00	
"	"	" for repairs,	3 10	
"	"	" for books and magazines,	156 99	
"	"	" for printing,	8 50	
"	"	" for labor on grounds,	9 40	
"	"	" for labor on books,	1 95	
"	"	" for transporting books,	25 00	
"	"	" for binding,	4 42	
"	"	" for supplies and repairs,	24 70	
"	"	" for coal,	67 72	
				$687 90

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid E. H. Cutler, deficiency on farm to March 1, 1892,		$325 72	
E. H. Cutler, for care of Hannah Conway,		14 25	
L. C. Taylor, for Supt. services,		41 66	
"	for aid of Mrs. M. Jones,	125 14	
"	" Richard Temple,	170 07	
"	" Clara Wheeler,	169 92	
"	" Emily F. Towne,	169 92	
"	" George Kinsley's children,	154 26	
"	" Mrs. H. Trainer,	36 00	
"	" Murphy family,	111 51	
"	" Elizabeth Kenedy,	39 75	
"	" Mrs. Ruth Pike,	53 75	
"	" J. E. Harris,	74 94	

Paid L. C. Taylor, for aid of Nelson family,		$44 50	
" " Mrs. S. M. Johnson,		16 00	
" " Hannah Stanton,		2 27	
" " Chas. Johnson,		7 00	
" Coal for town farm,		11 13	
" Expenses to Athol and Princeton,		6 97	
			$1,574 76

REPAIRS ON TOWN BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Paid L. U. Holt, for repairs at Centre School house,	$ 25 01
Harris & Duren, repairs on Centre School house,	73 83
E. Jones & Co., for lumber and shingles, Centre School house,	120 74
E. Jones & Co., for lumber and shingles, West School house,	152 69
Harris & Duren, for labor on West School house,	72 64
H. A. Gould, for grading West School grounds,	154 74
F. W. Gray, for painting West School house,	70 00
F. D. K. Hoar, for repairs on West School house,	2 00
F. W. Green, for repairs on West School house,	3 35
I. Hutchins, for drawing shingle, West School house,	4 50
L. U. Holt, for repairs on West School house,	23 67
C. L. Bradford, for grading South School grounds,	2 00
C. L. Bradford, for repairs on South School house,	1 65
F. Jones, for painting South School house,	115 06
C. L. Bradford, for repairs on South school house,	5 74
S. Jones, Jr., for repairs on South School house,	7 60

Paid F. Conant, for repairs on South School house,	$19 49	
E. Jones & Co., for nails and cord for South School house,	90	
L. U. Holt, for repairs on South School house,	2 25	
C. J. Williams, for repairs on East School house,	32 71	
N. Johnson, for labor on Centre School grounds,	10 13	
J. E. Reed, for labor on Town Farm buildings,	108 12	
E. Jones & Co., for lumber for Town Farm buildings,	161 92	
L. C. Taylor, for painting and papering Town Farm buildings,	17 70	
L. U. Holt, for windmill for Town Farm,	200 00	
L. U. Holt, for repairs on pump at Town Farm,	65	
Harris & Duren, for repairs on North School house,	9 33	
D. C. Harris, for cement for North School house,	29 88	
W. H. Kingsly, for labor cementing North School house basement,	14 50	
C. J. Williams, for lumber East School house,	2 81	
E. Jones & Co., for lumber at Town Farm,	16 50	
		$1,462 11

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Herman A. Gould, for labor on highways,	$2346 37	
Hermon A. Gould, for labor on railing,	6 25	
N. C. Davidson, for gravel, 1891,	15 00	
F. R. Knowlton, " "	27 50	
Louis Rouillard, "	1 20	
Frank H. Whitcomb, "	20 00	
Isaac Reed, "	13 00	
A. H. Perkins, "	3 00	
Calvin Harris, "	16 00	

Paid F. R. Knowlton, for gravel,	$ 5 50	
R. L. Tuttle, for breaking roads,	4 80	
A. L. Tuttle, " "	13 85	
Chas. Cassell, for bridge and basin irons,	10 25	
F. J. Hastings & Co., for drain pipe,	9 00	
Thos. McCarty, for flagging stones,	15 40	
O. L. Newcomb, for repairs on scraper,	4 25	
S. Jones, Jr., for repairs on bridge,	3 62	
W. H. Lawrence, for blacksmith bill,	10 95	
Waldo Bros., for drain pipe,	4 68	
W. H. Kingsley, for blacksmith bill,	3 82	
W. H. Kingsley, for dynamite,	80	
W. H. Kingsley, for labor,	80	
S. A. Guilford, for 45 iron railing posts,	22 75	
E. Jones & Co., lumber for railing,	22 79	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, drain pipe,	10 23	
L. W. Stevens, for labor on railing,	2 20	
		$2,594 01

EXPENSES ON ROADS ORDERED BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Paid Hermon A. Gould, for labor on turnpike,	$705 00	
F. W. Green, for setting bound-stones on Leland-Stevens road, order commissioners,	2 00	
		$707 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid L. U. Holt for eight Johnson pumps,	$16 00	
" " sealing weights and measures,	10 00	
" " printing tags,	75	
Julian Tuttle for services as registrar,	12 00	
Rev. James Fletcher for expenses of school committee attending Union District convention,	17 25	
Edward Fearns for services and expenses in arrest of James Hunt, as approved by trial justice,	5 00	
State of Massachusettts balance of corporation tax,	37 33	

Paid S. A. Guilford for services as registrar,	$24	00
R. M. Yale for repairing monument flag,	5	35
H. T. Clark for repairing wagon,	10	90
J. R. Lawrence for services as registrar,	12	00
James Devane for painting and varnishing hearse,	20	00
H. M. Smith for removing tree,	8	00
State of Massachusetts for one register,	2	75
J. E. Marsh, M. D., for returning 5 births,	1	25
Phineas Wetherbee for copying valuation,	12	50
" " arranging poll tax list,	5	00
" " postage, stationery and express,	1	25
" " invoice book,	1	35
Isaac Davis Post, appropriation for Memorial Day,	50	00
A. A. Wyman, Esq., for legal advice in pauper cases,	25	00
Warren Houghton for staining voting stalls,	1	15
Spofford Robbins for labor on voting stalls,	15	45
James Devan for numbering bounds,	1	50
C. L. Bradford for moving school furniture,	2	00
" labor in Precinct 2 room,	3	00
E. Jones & Co., for lumber for voting stalls,	4	69
E. Jones & Co., for coal for town hall,	16	90
Tuttle, Jones & Wetherbee for one order book,	2	75
Wm. D. Tuttle for express charges,	3	63
" " postage and stationery,	3	81
" " collecting and recording 26 births,	13	00
" " recording 19 marriages,	2	85
" " " 38 deaths,	5	80
" " indexing births and deaths,	7	00
J. E. Cutter for wood for town hall,	4	75
J. E. Cutter for notifying 14 persons to take oath of office,	1	75
J. E. Cutter for services in dog license cases,	5	00

Paid J. E. Cutter for abatement of taxes,	$56	83	
" " discount on taxes,	926	50	
I. F. Duren for burial of 34 bodies,	102	00	
" making 28 returns,	7	00	
C. W. Pitman for services as janitor town hall and care of clock,	73	75	
Rev. James Fletcher for telephone and postage,	3	66	
Rev. James Fletcher for services of E. A. Phalan as constable at graduation exercises,	1	00	
Rev. James Fletcher for traveling expense on account of schools,	8	80	
Estate L. U. Holt, pump for East school,	9	75	
" " " North school,	6	00	
W. F. Stevens for postage, express and freight,	10	34	
			$1,578 34

PRINTING.

Paid Enterprise Printing Co., for warrants,	$5	75	
" " " town reports,	64	00	
A. Hosmer for letter heads,	1	80	
" " 500 town orders,	1	65	
Campbell & Hanscom for poll tax lists,	8	50	
" " check lists,	14	00	
A. Hosmer for envelopes,	3	60	
Enterprise Printing Co., for warrants,	6	00	
			$105 30

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid Nathan Johnson for labor in Woodlawn cemetery,	$83	50	
John Fletcher for trees for Woodlawn cemetery,	7	50	
" " labor in Woodlawn cemetery,	2	50	
" " labor in Woodlawn cemetery,	28	60	
W. H. Kingsley for labor in Woodlawn cemetery,	2	25	

Paid D. C. Harris for five fender posts Woodlawn cemetery,		$8 50	
N. Johnson for care David M. Handley lot,		3 00	
" " Skinner lot,		6 50	
" " Jona. Piper lot,		2 00	
" " Frank Rouillard lot,		2 00	
L. W. Stevens for labor in Monnt Hope cemetery,		96 57	
" " labor in Mount Hope cemetery,		40 85	
" " lumber for Mount Hope cemetery,		3 64	
L. U. Holt for repairing pump in Mount Hope cemetery,		50	
H. A. Gould, labor on street, Mount Hope cemetery,		105 00	
William D. Tuttle, surveying lots, Mount Hope cemetery,		7 00	
			$399 91

STATE AID.

Paid Allen G. Smith,	Chap. 279, acts 1889,	$60 00	
Warren B. Ball,	" "	175 00	
Addison B. Wheeler,	" "	60 00	
Chas. A. Brooks,	" "	54 00	
Eliza J. Shattuck,	Chap. 301, acts 1889,	48 00	
Almira H. Loker,	" "	48 00	
Luke Smith,	" "	48 00	
Mary Smith,	" "	48 00	
Richard G. Dame,	" "	60 00	
Rebecca C. Wright,	" "	48 00	
Achsa Hanscom,	" "	48 00	
Mary J. Brown,	" "	24 00	
Emma F. Blood,	" "	40 00	
Herbert E. Preston,	" "	32 00	
Susan B. Winn,	" "	48 00	
Aaron C. Handley,	" "	30 00	
Phoebe F. Wood,	" "	36 00	
			$907 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid H. D. Parlin, for fuel for Gould boys,	$ 3 13	
E. H. Cutler, for relief of Whitney family,	34 00	
E. C. Parker & Co., for coal for Gould boys,	9 15	
H. D. Parlin, for fuel and supplies for Gould boys,	5 60	
		$51 88

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Rev. James Fletcher, supt. schools,	$41 67
Edward Dixon, " "	292 50
C. L. Bradford, for services as school committee,	15 10
C. J. Williams, for services as school committee,	15 85
Rev. James Fletcher, for services as school committee,	51 25
C. B. Robbins, for services as assessor,	38 00
Phineas Wetherbee, " "	50 00
John White, " "	20 00
E. F. Conant, collector,	70 00
Daniel J. Wetherbee, auditor three years,	15 00
" " election officer,	3 00
C. B. Sanders, election officer,	3 00
L. C. Taylor, " "	3 00
H. F. Tuttle, " "	3 00
E. A. Phalan, " "	3 00
A. A. Wyman, " "	3 00
H. A. Littlefield, " "	3 00
C. B. Stone, " "	3 00
C. H. Mead, " "	3 00
J. Kinsley, " "	4 00
H. J. Hapgood, " "	3 00
H. J. Hapgood, auditor,	5 00
T. F. Newton, election officer,	3 00
L. A. Hesselton, " "	3 00
C. H. Fairbanks, " "	3 00
Phineas Wetherbee, election officer,	1 00
F. S. Whitcomb, " "	1 00

Paid M. A. Reed, special police,	$ 1 50	
Lyman Tuttle, " "	1 50	
William D. Tuttle, registrar,	15 00	
" " town clerk,	30 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, treasurer,	75 00	
J. McGreen, election officer,	3 00	
W. F. Stevens, selectman,	85 00	
George R. Keyes, "	50 00	
G. V. Bowen, "	50 00	
		$970 37

LOANS AND INTEREST.

Paid Estate George A. Stevens, note,	$800 00	
" " " interest,	24 97	
Persis V. Hapgood, interest on note of $500 dated June 1, 1891,	25 00	
Estate William Davis, interest on note of $350 dated May 12, 1891,	17 50	
Frank H. Jones, interest on note of $600 dated April 27, 1891,	30 00	
John A. Bowen, interest on note of $1,000 dated June 6, 1891,	50 00	
Varnum Tuttle, interest on note of $700 dated April 7, 1891,	35 00	
Varnum Tuttle, interest on note of $540 dated July 11, 1891,	27 00	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, note,	1,000 00	
Interest on Wetherbee note,	50 00	
Interest on note of $1500 dated Jan. 20, 1890,	75 00	
Interest on note of $1000, Sept. 6 to Oct. 8,	5 83	
First National Bank, Ayer, note,	3,000 00	
" " " interest,	56 25	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, temporary loan,	805 33	
" " interest on same,	10 06	
		$6,011 94

RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance due from treasurer, Feb. 26, 1892,		$1,965 67
" " collector, Feb. 26, 1892,		1,920 95
Appropriations for town charges,		6,500 00
" schools,		4,400 00
" school supplies,		450 00
" highways,		2,300 00
" State tax,		1,137 50
" county tax,		1,270 05
" overlayings,		481 68
" Memorial library,		550 00
Received from State treasurer corporation tax,		631 18
" " " " National Bank tax,		493 11
" " " " State aid,		480 00
" " " " Military aid,		145 50
" " " " Income Mass. School fund,		268 31
" County Treas., dog tax,		224 11
" Rent of Chapel room,		48 75
" Loam sold,		14 00
" Lumber sold,		7 88
" Library fines,		6 00
" State Treas., for support State paupers,		49 75
" Hay sold in Woodlawn Cemetery,		10 50
" Asparagus sold in Mt. Hope Cemetery,		3 00
" First National Bank, Ayer, loan,	3,000 00	
" Est. Wm. Davis, loan,	1,000 00	
" J. K. W. Wetherbee, temporary loan,	805 33	
" John Fletcher, account Woodlawn Cemetery,		24 00
" L. W. Stevens, for lots sold in Mt. Hope Cemetery,		108 00
" L. W. Stevens, wood sold from Mt. Hope Cemetery,		10 50
" C. W. Pitman, for rent of Town Hall and basement,		94 00

Received from Interest on money in bank,	$84 45	
" W. F. Stevens, for W. B. Ball's board,	8 00	
		$28,492 22

EXPENDITURES.

For support of Centre School,	$860 08	
South School,	869 69	
West School,	836 45	
South East School,	372 88	
North School,	426 28	
East School,	409 70	
High School,	890 74	
School supplies,	531 24	
State and Military Aid,	907 00	
Poor,	1,574 76	
Cemetery expenses,	399 91	
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,578 34	
Memorial Library,	687 90	
Roads and Bridges,	2,594 01	
Roads ordered by County Commissioners,	707 00	
Printing,	105 30	
Loans and interest,	6,011 94	
Repairs on town buildings and grounds,	1,462 11	
Town Officers,	970 37	
Soldiers' Relief,	51 88	
State Tax,	1,137 50	
County Tax,	1,270 05	
		$24,655 13
Balance due from J. E. Cutter, collector taxes 1891,	$189 16	
Balance due from J. E. Cutter, collector taxes 1892,	820 34	
Balance due from Treasurer,	2,827 59	
		$3,837 09
		$28,492 22

TOWN DEBT.

Note of Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee,	$1,500 00
Persis V. Hapgood,	500 00

Note Estate Wm. Davis,	$350 00	
" "	1,000 00	
Frank H. Jones,	600 00	
Varnum Tuttle,	1,240 00	
John A. Bowen,	1,000 00	
		$6,190 00
Less amounts due from Collector and Treasurer,	$3,837 09	
Balance against the Town Feb. 26th, 1893,		$2,352 91

WM. F. STEVENS,
GEORGE R. KEYES,
GUSTAVUS V. BOWEN.
Selectmen of Acton.

ACTON, FEB. 27, 1893.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
D. J. WETHERBEE,
Auditors of the Town of Acton.

LIST OF JURORS.

The following is a list of persons to serve as Jurors for the ensuing year, as revised by the Selectmen of Acton to be submitted to said town at their April meeting:

Luther Conant,	Geo. W. Worster,
Francis Hosmer,	Waldo Littlefield,
James R. Lawrence,	S. Hammond Taylor,
Frank H. Whitcomb,	Daniel H. Farrar,
Geo. B. Parker,	Lorenzo A. Pratt,
James Rinsley,	James P. Brown,
John C. Keyes,	Chas. S. Twitchell,
Norman A. Davidson,	Chas. J. Holton,
Geo. A. Conant,	Thomas F. Noyes,
Joseph A. Whitcomb,	Cyrus Hale,
Geo. R. Keyes,	Elbridge J. Robbins,
Hanson A. Littlefield,	Luke J. Robbins,
Job W. Dupee,	John S. White.

GUSTAVUS V. BOWEN,
H. A. LITTLEFIELD,
E. F. CONANT,
} *Selectmen of Acton.*

Acton, Mass., March 20, 1893.

Report of Receipts and Expenditures at the Town Farm, Acton,

For the Year ending Feb. 28, 1893.

ARTICLES ON HAND FEB. 28, 1893,

11 cows,	$440 00
1 bull,	14 00
1 horse,	100 00
10 tons hay,	200 00
Oat fodder,	3 00
1 horse rake,	15 00
Grain,	10 15
1 wagon,	70 00
1 wagon,	26 00
1 pung,	8 00
6 ladders,	9 00
2 plows,	12 00
2 horse hoes,	4 00
40 flour bbls.,	7 00
12 market boxes,	1 20
Lumber,	2 00
Stone drag,	5 00
Hay wagon,	18 00
Horse cart,	18 00
Express harness,	35 00
Harrow,	2 00
Horse sled,	3 00

15 cords wood,	$45 00	
Mowing machine,	5 00	
Hens,	26 40	
Farming tools, shovels, hoes, forks, etc.,	22 00	
Apples,	5 00	
125 lbs. salt pork,	17 10	
Canned fruit,	2 60	
24 bushels potatoes,	24 00	
Kerosene oil,	45	
Oil tank,	1 00	
Fruit jars,	2 50	
Crackers,	1 25	
Flour,	2 50	
Coffee and tea,	1 50	
Sugar,	1 37	
Spices,	50	
Butter,	4 00	
		1,164 52

RECEIPTS FROM TOWN FARM FROM MARCH 1, 1892 TO MARCH 1, 1893.

Received for apples,	$126 43	
1 bull,	15 00	
Calves,	9 75	
Cows,	89 00	
Dinner,	50	
Hay and straw,	3 75	
Labor,	13 80	
Milk,	816 00	
Poultry,	2 85	
Potatoes,	8 75	
Eggs,	23 80	
Use of bull,	4 00	
		1,113 63

EXPENDITURES AT THE TOWN FARM FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1893.

Bluing,	$ 27
Bread,	50
Borax,	17
Boots,	1 25
Beans,	11 75
Brooms and brushes,	3 34
Bristol brick,	08
Blacksmith's bill,	11 63
Bull,	14 00
Butter,	42 30
Crockery,	4 26
Cloth and clothing,	15 99
Coffee,	10 27
Cheese,	3 23
Chocolate,	78
Curtains,	2 25
Crackers,	12 49
Cream tartar,	1 85
Chalk,	20
Canned goods,	73
Corn starch,	18
Cows,	202 00
Curing hams,	1 50
Dalmation powder,	20
Drain pipe,	4 62
Extract lemon,	1 08
Eggs,	20
Evaporated apple,	44
Express harness,	35 00
Flour barrels,	18 00
Flour,	28 15

Fish,	$ 4 10
Farming tools,	6 09
Fly paper,	45
Grain,	359 99
Grass and garden seed,	12 41
Glass,	1 13
Hardware and castings,	16 06
Horse radish,	25
Hops,	25
Iron sink,	3 62
Kerosene oil,	1 80
Labor,	95 40
Lemons,	68
Lime,	78
Lard,	6 30
Lamp chimneys,	66
Market boxes,	1 65
Molasses,	7 12
Meat,	91 37
Matches,	18
Netting,	50
Oyster shells,	40
Onions,	34
Pasturing cattle,	23 00
Potatoes,	1 75
Paint and oil,	19 55
Paper and border,	5 04
Putty,	22
Phosphate,	8 75
Raisins,	1 49
Rice,	14
Repairs on clock,	1 00
Soap,	5 43

Sugar,	$19 33	
Syrup,	90	
Sulphur,	30	
Salt,	1 90	
Soda,	56	
Starch,	06	
Salt petre,	33	
Spices,	68	
Stove polish,	06	
Sheathing paper,	53	
Services of A. S. Bradley and wife,	320 83	
Services of H. C. Scarlet and wife,	41 66	
Services of L. C. Taylor,	50 00	
Services of J. B. Tuttle,	20 00	
Services of E. C. Parker,	6 00	
Stone drag,	5 00	
Tin ware,	2 08	
Twine,	15	
Tomato and cabbage plants,	55	
Tea,	4 38	
Teeth for horse rake,	1 60	
Tapicoa,	14	
Use of bull,	1 00	
Veterinary,	1 50	
Vinegar,	1 04	
Wooden ware,	1 17	
Whitewashing,	50	
Wheelwright's bill,	5 60	
Wagon,	26 00	
Yeast,	56	
Expenditures,		$1,621 02
Receipts,		1,113 63

Income less than expense,	$507 39
Drawn from treasury,	41 66
Due from treasury to balance account,	465 73
Interest on farm,	240 00
	$747 39
Victualling and lodging 50 tramps,	20 00
Cost of supporting poor on farm,	$727 39
Whole number of persons, exclusive of tramps supported at almshouse,	3
Average number,	3
Present number,	3

LYMAN C. TAYLOR,
JAMES B. TUTTLE,
EDWIN C. PARKER, } *Overseers of Poor.*

We have examined the above accounts of the Overseers of the Poor and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
D. J. WETHERBEE, } *Auditors.*

Town Clerk's Report for 1892.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1892.

No.	Date of Birth. 1892.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
1.	Feb. 7.	Everett Windsor Reed.	Lorenzo E. and Emma A. Reed.
2.	Feb. 8.	Waldo Percival Gray.	Fred W. and Clara F. Gray.
3.	Feb. 19.	Ralph Noyes Wheeler.	Elbridge L. and Florence I. Wheeler.
4.	Feb. 19.	Daniel Joseph Gallagher.	Daniel J. and Catherine Gallagher.
5.	Mar. 4.	Emma Josephine Smiley.	William J. and Annie Smiley.
6.	May 6.	Mildred Blanche Brown.	Wallace A. and Ada Blanche Brown.
7.	June 16.	Nettie Louise Smith.	George A. and Alma W. Smith.
8.	June 20.	Leslie Parker Richardson.	Sidney L. and M. Katherine Richardson.
9.	July 6.	Helen Pitman.	Charles W. and Edith Pitman.
10.	July 12.	Joseph Raymond Goodwin.	Edgar and Ida F. Goodwin.
11.	July 20.	Wendell Phillips Tuttle.	Roswell L. and Annie B. Tuttle.
12.	July 28.	Varnum Hartwell Tuttle.	James B. and Florence M. Tuttle.

13.	July 28.	Irma Christine Richardson.	Wm. F. and Flora A. Richardson.
14.	Aug. 8.	Jennie Lillian Durkee.	Clark G. and Ida L. Durkee.
15.	Aug. 13.	Harland Wetherbee Flagg.	Isaac W. and Emma Flagg.
16.	Aug. 30.	Leonard Wm. Penniman.	George O. and Edith R. Penniman.
17.	Sept. 4.	Margaret Elena Coughlin.	William C. and Annie Coughlin.
18.	Sept. 16.	Florence Estella White.	John Sidney and Bertha H. White.
19.	Oct. 7.	Bertha Mary Harris.	David C. and Betsey J. Harris.
20.	Oct. 22.	Sarah Abigail Wood.	Edward C. and Mary A. Wood.
21.	Nov. 27.	Florence Agnes McNiff.	John T. and Delia McNiff.
22.	Dec. 20.	Rachel Tyler Sanders.	Charles B. and Lizzie S. Sanders.
23.	Dec. 20.	Wm. Stearns Taylor.	S. Hammond and Mary B. Taylor.
24.	Dec. 29.	Lester George Spinney.	Isaac B. and Ellen Spinney.
25.	Dec. 29.	Leslie Dodge Spinney.	
26.	Dec. 30.	Ruth Alma Evans.	Joseph Wm. and Mary Alice Evans.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1892.

No.	Date of Marriage. 1892.	Names and Residence of Parties.	Where Married.
1.	Mar. 30.	Aubrey T. Miner of Acton, and Etta E. Williams of Acton.	Acton.
2.	April 14.	J. Alfred Goding, W. Acton, and Clara L. Tuttle, of Fitchburg.	Acton.

3.	April 24.	Joseph Gallant of W. Acton, and Minnie Jones of Harvard.	Lancaster.
4.	April 27.	John H. Hartnett of So. Boston, and Agnes M. Hallowell of Stow.	Acton.
5.	May 14.	J. Edward Durkee of Acton, and Mabelle C. Small, of St. Albans, Vt.	Acton.
6.	June 1.	Rev. William N. Bessey of Acton, and Gertrude S. Harrington, of So. Acton.	So. Acton.
7.	June 29.	Frederick W. McDonald, of Concord, and Addie E. Houghton of W. Acton.	W. Acton.
8.	July 9.	Frederick L. Amisson, of N. Acton, and Lois Ann Hartley of Acton,	Billerica.
9.	July 19.	William R. Tilden of Brockton, and Clara E. Drake of Windsor, Me.	W. Acton.
10.	Aug. 7.	Fred W. Gilmore of W. Acton, and Della McLaughlin of Maynard.	Acton.
11.	Sept. 6.	Frank E. Fiske of Acton, and Bertha May Roberts of Chelmsford.	Acton.
12.	Sept. 8.	R. Gardner Brooks of Acton, and Libbie L. Clark of W. Acton.	Acton.
13.	Sept. 21.	Charles J. Robbins of Shelton, Neb., and Blanche M. Bassett of Acton.	E. Acton.

14.	Oct.	6.	Fred W. Billings of E. Acton, and Mary A. Griffin of Acton.	Boston.
15.	Oct.	25.	Frank C. Hooper of Lynn, and Mabel G. Pratt, of So. Acton.	Acton.
16.	Dec.	1.	Luther Davis of Acton, and Minnie Davis of Acton.	Worcester.
17.	Dec.	7.	George E. Greenough of Acton, and Sarah A. Edwards of Acton.	Acton.
18.	Dec.	16.	Harvey Mader of W. Acton, and Edith Charlton of W. Acton.	W. Acton.
19.	Dec.	25.	Fred J. Whitcomb of So. Acton, and Mary E. Gates of Bolton.	Bolton.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1892.

No.	Date of Death. 1892.	Names of Persons Deceased.	Age. Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
1.	Jan. 1.	Mrs. Miriam B. Jones, widow,	74	7	9
2.	Jan. 2.	Miss Betsey L. Lawrence,	81	9	29
3.	Jan. 5.	Joseph Porter Reed,	88	2	3
4.	Jan. 7.	Jacob S. Harrington,	—	4	29
5.	Jan. 16.	Mrs. Rubie S. Wilson,	31	11	14
6.	Jan. 17.	Mrs. Cynthia Burr,	74	—	28
7.	Jan. 26.	Simon Blanchard,	83	11	29
8.	Jan. 29.	Arnold Hayward,	83	7	13
9.	Mar. 2.	Mrs. Clarissa Stone,	87	11	20
10.	Mar. 17.	Daniel Sullivan,	—	—	1
11.	Mar. 23.	Miss Etta R. Hall,	16	9	27
12.	May 5.	Mrs. Sarah A. Bachelder,	62	7	25
13.	May 11.	Mrs. Sophia E. Faulkner,	86	2	26

No.	Date of Death. 1892.	Names of Persons Deceased.	Age. Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
14.	May 18.	Loraine Davidson,	2	11	29
15.	May 27.	Mrs. Joanna H. Robbins,	84	8	8
16.	May 29.	Solomon B. Leach,	58	—	—
17.	June 2.	Walter A. Richardson,	29	2	26
18.	June 13.	Mrs. Susan Emily Willis,	65	2	7
19.	June 21.	Bradley Stone,	90	9	17
20.	June 22.	Mrs. Clara E. Davis,	83	10	21
21.	July 9.	Mrs. Hannah E. Hayward,	74	1	24
22.	July 20.	Mrs. Mary A. Tuttle,	72	4	—
23.	July 23.	Benjamin Ingham,	38	3	—
24.	July 31.	Mrs. Clara W. Bassett,	52	10	15
25.	Aug. 8.	Samuel Hosmer,	89	2	13
26.	Aug. 23.	James E. Harris,	62	1	23
27.	Sept. 4.	Thomas Mannion,	42	—	—
28.	Sept. 16.	Miss Lizzie A. Mannion,	18	—	8
29.	Sept. 30.	Reuben Handley,	72	6	12
30.	Oct. 5.	Orma F. Davis,	5	10	15
31.	Oct. 13.	Hazel S. Davis,	3	8	16
32.	Nov. 3.	Mrs. Addie S. Woodruff,	53	1	18
33.	Nov. 22.	Lorenzo U. Holt,	44	6	10
34.	Dec. 6.	Mrs. Melintha L. Abbott,	48	5	8
35.	Dec. 6.	Abram Handley,	49	2	4
36.	Dec. 11.	Jonathan S. Morse,	20	—	—
37.	Dec. 8.	Winthrop E. Jones,	71	—	13
38.	Dec. 16.	Mrs. Sarah M. Johnson,	39	8	5

NAMES OF PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1892.

Charles A. Hodges.
E. Eddie Fletcher.
James P. Brown,
Luke Tuttle,
E. F. Shapley.
Otis H. Forbush.
Solon A. Robbins.
W. W. Philbrick.

George A. Hayward.
William H. Hill.
Mildred E. Handley.
Charles H. Holton.
George W. Poore.
Henry L. Livermore.
Calvin S. Simonds, female.
Frank L. Stiles, female.
Antoine Bulette.
Frank W. Bulette.
William V. Clark.
Elnathan Jones.
John Temple.
William Davis.
Charles Morris.
George Luddington.
Corydon O. Stone.
A. J. Fletcher.
Mrs. George F. Flagg.
Thomas Mannion.
Norman A. Davidson, female.
C. H. Mead & Co.
Howard E. Faulkner.
George A. Smith.
Willie H. Gilmore.
Fred S. Whitcomb.
John Davis.
Frank R. Knowlton.
Forbush & Hartwell.
William S. Jones.
Fred W. Reed.
Ralph Crooker.
Mrs. Charles Varney.
Willie S. Fletcher.
William Jennings.
L. W. Pratt.
A. M. Knowlton.
M. E. Taylor.
Joseph L. Brown, female.
A. L. Lawrence.
A. L. Lawrence, female.
William F. Stevens.
Charles F. Shirland.
Charles J. Williams.
Abel Cole.
David C. Harris.
John Kelley.
Daniel H. Farrar.
Fred H. Lewis.
Chauncy B. Robbins, 2 males.
Henry M. Smith.
Frank W. Houghton.
Aaron C. Handley.
Charles B. Sanders.
John F. Coughlin.
D. J. Wetherbee.
George Conant.
William B. Manning.
E. L. Hall.
John W. Randall.
Moses Taylor.
Henry Hanson.
Fred G. Jones.
Lucius S. Hosmer.
A. F. Sargent, female.
A. H. Perkins.

Charles L. Davis.
Samuel Jones, Jr.
Luther Conant.
Charles S. Moulton.
H. A. Littlefield.
C. C. Leighton.
Adelbert Mead.
C. B. Stone.
A. L. Tuttle.
Fredson P. Brooks, 2 males.
W. C. Robbins, 2 males.
James Hussey.
John Grimes.
George W. Tuttle.
S. H. Taylor.
A. A. Wyman.
C. H. Wheeler.
Charles Wheeler.
Warren H. Jones.
Frank E. Allard.
Abel Farrar, female.
Fred Penniman.
A. Risso.
Ida M. Conant.
Daniel Tuttle.
J. R. Bassett.
James Tuttle.
S. L. Richardson.
Charles Barker.
J. H. Standish.
Frank E. Harris.
Francis Pratt.
Alton White.
May L. Calder.
J. E. Durkee.
Geo. A. Dasseault.
George N. Hoit.
Thomas McCarty.
A. C. Jenkins.
William J. Moore.
R. G. Brooks.
Hiram Woodruff.
Mrs. S. A. Allard.
William Hayes, female.
H. M. Worden.
Luther R. Forbush.

Whole number of dogs licensed, 123
Males, 115
Females, 8
Whole amount received from licenses in 1892, $270

WILLIAM D. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1893.

Town Clerk,
William D. Tuttle.

Selectmen,

Hanson A. Littlefield,	for 3 years
Edward F. Conant,	for 2 years
Gustavus V. Bowen,	for 1 year

Assessors,

Phineas Wetherbee,	for 3 years
James B. Tuttle,	for 2 years
Anson C. Piper,	for 1 year

Overseers of the Poor,
Lyman C. Taylor, James B. Tuttle,
Edwin C. Parker.

Town Treasurer,
Jonathan K. W. Wetherbee.

Auditors,
Hiram J. Hapgood, D. James Wetherbee.

Collector of Taxes,
William F. Stevens.

School Committee,

Charles J. Williams,	and William H. Hartwell,	for 3 yrs.
Isaiah Hutchins,	" William S. Jones,	for 2 yrs.
Rev. James Fletcher,	" Charles L. Bradford,	for 1 yr.

Cemetery Committee,

Levi W. Stevens, John Fletcher,
Horace F. Tuttle.

Fence Viewers,

Nahum C. Reed, Francis Conant,
John R. Houghton.

Constables and Field Drivers,

James Kinsley, Edwin A. Phalen,
William F. Stevens, Fred W. Reed.

Surveyors of Wood, Lumber, Hoops and Staves.

Augustus Fletcher, Edward F. Richardson,
Jona P. Fletcher, Herbert T. Clark,
Edgar H. Hall, John F. Davis,
George H. Harris, James E. Billings.

Fish Committee,

Elnathan Jones, Frank H. Whitcomb,
John Fletcher, Charles I. Miller,
Charles J. Williams, Luther Conant.

Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library—Corporate Members, 6.

Luther Conant, Adelbert Mead,
Delette H. Hall, Hiram J. Hapgood,
Moses Taylor, D. James Wetherbee.

Chosen by the Town,

Charles J. Williams, . . . 3 years to serve
Rev. James Fletcher, . . . 2 years to serve
Lucius A. Hesselton, . . . 1 year to serve

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES:

LUTHER CONANT,
ADELBERT MEAD,
MOSES TAYLOR,
DELETTE H. HALL,
HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
LUCIUS A. HESSELTON,
CHARLES J. WILLIAMS,
Rev. JAMES FLETCHER.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Of the Acton Memorial Library, 1892-93.

The Trustees of the Acton Memorial Library respectfully submit their third annual report, showing the operations of the Library for the year ending March 1, 1893. We feel justified in stating that neither the general public, the generous donor of the Library, or the officers of the institution show any diminution of interest in its workings, or in the appreciation of the advantages for culture and instruction that are offered to all.

Number of volumes in the Library a year ago,	4,420
Added by purchase,	157
Donated during the year,	242
Present number of volumes in the Library,	4,819

Magazines same as last year, with addition of "Review of Reviews." The Acton Centre Improvement Society contribute the Scientific American.

The number of Library cards has increased during the year from 703 to 795.

Names registered during the year, 335.

The books and property of the Library are in a condition every way creditable to the librarian and janitor and satisfactory to us.

Donation of books to Library 1892 :

Mrs. Robert Chaffin,	1	Vol.
Hon. Sherman Hoar,	4	"
State House,	12	"
Smithsonian Institution,	1	"
J. H. Standish,	1	"
Morgan & Beck,	194	"
Wm. M. Olin,	4	"
Washington,	1	"
Women's Suffrage Association,	1	"
Rev. James Fletcher,	1	"
Wm. A. Wilde,	14	"
Deloraine P. Corey, Malden,	1	"
Isaiah Hutchins,	2	"
Topographical map of Mass. from Topographical Survey Commission,	1	"
Luther Conant,	2	"
John Fletcher,	1	"
E. A. Goodnow, Worcester,	1	"
Total,	242	"

Mr. Wilde has marked the year with new and costly proofs of his continued interest in the town and library.

August 3, 1892, he gave the beautiful and rare Italian oil painting of Columbus pleading his cause in the convent of La Rabida.

September 17, 1892, he gave the marble bust, "Meditation." It was bought by him on his recent visit to Italy, at Pisa, the headquarters of the finest Carrara marble. It is by one of the most prominent Italian sculptors, E. Marini of Rome. It was placed in position in Memorial hall by Mr. Wilde in person, and is a thing of beauty worthy of many visits.

February 25, 1893, there was deposited in the Memorial

Library vault, the noted Hayward powder horn, silver mounted, by Hon. Edward Everett, having on it this inscription : "James Hayward of Acton was killed at Lexington on the 19th of April, 1775, by a ball which passed through this powder horn into his body." Presented to the town of Acton by the late Hon. Stevens Hayward.

A good sized lock of hair, taken from the head of James Hayward when his body was removed from the old cemetery in 1851, and placed under the Davis monument, after having been in the grave seventy-six years, was deposited in the vault with the other Woodbury relics, in June, 1892. Presented by Mrs. Augusta P. Parker and Porter Woodbury, children of the late Rev. James T. Woodbury.

The other Woodbury relics, which came together, from Mrs. Augusta P. Parker, widow of George G. Parker, Esq., of Milford, to be kept in Memorial Library as the property of the town, were the shoe buckles which were on the feet of Capt. Isaac Davis when he fell at the North Bridge, April 19, 1775.

A large ancient volume, printed in England at least one hundred and fifty years ago, called "A Body of Divinity." It was the property of Rev. John Swift, the father of Rev. John Swift, who was the first minister of Acton, and was afterwards owned by Moses Adams, and was the property of Rev. James T. Woodbury at the time of his death.

The original manuscript of the sermon preached at the laying of the corner stone of the present Congregational church. Also of the dedication sermon.

The speech of Rev. James T. Woodbury in the Legislature, pleading for the monument, and other papers.

The following were deposited in Memorial Library vault by Wm. D. Tuttle, Esq., Town Clerk, Feb. 25, 1893.

The first communion service of the original church in Acton, whose meeting house was built in 1736-7-8.

Three brittania goblets, one brittania platter, two tankards.

A baptismal font, the gift of John and Mary Hunt, in 1738.

Also a later service, consisting of two tall brittania tankards and one large brittania platter.

Also, the gift of Col. John Cumming to the church of Christ in Acton, Oct. 1774, consisting of three silver goblets, with two handles each.

A large hanging cabinet has been ordered by the Board of Trustees and is nearly completed, designed to be placed in the Trustees' room, as a receptacle for objects of interest so that these mementoes may be seen by every visitor to the Library.

An examination of the financial report for the year will show that the salaries of librarian and janitor, with the expense of transportation of books to and from the South and West villages, together with the cost of coal for heating, and oil for lighting, absorb nearly seven-eighths of the $400 appropriated by the town for the running expenses of the Library.

Several items in the financial report belong to the preceeding year. Deducting these, our expenses show a small excess over the annual appropriation. The contingent contribution of $150 by Mr. Wilde for new books is now being expended.

In view of these facts the Board of Trustees would recommend that the town make the same appropriation, $400 for current expenses and $150 for new books, as last year.

Thus, briefly, have we reviewed the work of and the accessions to the Library for the year. We think that we

are warranted in the belief that it has lightened the burdens and lessened the temptations of some lives; that it has amused, encouraged, instructed and improved numbers of those that help to make up our community, and influence its well-being and standing. It has certainly afforded the means of information to all, and in some measure, at least, fulfilled the obligation to keep the door of the store house of knowledge ever open.

For the Board of Trustees,

LUTHER CONANT.

ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

School Committee

— FOR THE —

SCHOOL YEAR

1892–'93.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In May last the town decided to adopt the Union District system of superintendence of its schools and thereupon entered into a union with the towns of Sturbridge and West Brookfield. At a meeting of the School Committees of the three towns, held in Worcester a few days later in the month, Mr. Edward Dixon of West Brookfield was chosen Superintendent of the schools of the Union. For a detailed statement of his work here, and for his views regarding the defects and needs of our present school system you are respectfully referred to the Superintendent's annual report, herewith submitted.

Believing that the best interests of the schools demand the continuance, for the present, at least, of the Union system of superintendence, and that those interests will be best served by retaining the services of the present Superintendent, we recommend that the Union with Sturbridge and West Brookfield be continued, if possible, during the coming year. Certain important changes in our system of schools have recently been decided upon by your committee, some of which require the co-operation of the town.

In presenting to you our recommendations we desire to express our hope and belief that they will be acted upon without prejudice and with an eye single to the public welfare.

By vote of the Committee, the Grammar and Primary schools at the Centre are to be united at the close of the

present school year, and thereafter a single mixed school will be maintained there. An annual saving in cost of maintenance of about $430, and for the next fiscal year of about $286 will thereby be effected.

Your Committee has also voted to discontinue the South East school at the close of the school year, *provided* that the town shall appropriate a sum sufficient to defray the cost of transportation of the pupils to the schools at South Acton. We earnestly recommend that the required amount, estimated at $120 for the coming year, be granted. By this change a net sum of $190 annually and $130 for the next fiscal year will be saved.

By the changes above noted $620 annually and $416 for the next fiscal year will become available for other purposes. After careful consideration of the subject we are convinced that the time has come to give to the High school a local habitation and a home. We recommend that the school be permanently located at South Acton. We also recommend that an allowance for transportation be made to each pupil of the High school living more than two miles from the school, according to the following schedule: Pupils living at Acton Centre, or at a like distance from the school, $6 per term. Pupils at East Acton $7 per term, and pupils at North Acton $9 per term. These sums are about equivalent to the cost of railway transportation from those points accesible by rail, and by clubbing together pupils can probably make them cover the cost of transportation over the highway. We ask that $200 be granted for this purpose.

We heartily endorse the recommendation of the Superintendent that an assistant teacher be provided for the High school, and request that $340 be appropriated for this purpose. As this change cannot take effect until the beginning of the Fall term, the sum asked for is believed to be suffi-

cient for this purpose during the two remaining terms of the fiscal year.

We recommend that the following appropriations be made for school purposes for the ensuing year:

For Common Schools,	$3,060 00
For High School,	1,340 00
For School Supplies,	450 00
For Transportation, South East School,	120 00
For Transportation, High School,	200 00
For Salary of Superintendent,	400 00

It is to be remembered that in order to secure the payment by the State of the sum of $1000 to the towns of the Union District the appropriations for schools must not be less than that of last year, to which must be added a further sum for the support of a Superintendent.

Some inquiry having been made as to the expense attending the present system of superintendence, a statement presenting the actual cost, as well as the cost in comparison with that of the system formerly employed, is appended.

A detailed report by the purchasing agent of the Board is submitted, together with the statement that owing to somewhat extensive but much needed changes in text books and purchases of charts and maps the expenses of this department have exceeded the appropriations by the sum of $40.31.

For the Committee,

CHAS. J. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures on account of Schools for the year 1892-93.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for schools,	$3,400 00	
" " High School,	1,000 00	
" " School supplies,	450 00	
Received from School fund,	268 31	
" " dog tax,	224 11	
		$5,342 42

EXPENDITURES.

Centre schools,	$860 08	
South schools,	869 69	
West schools,	836 45	
South East school,	372 88	
North school,	426 88	
East school,	409 70	
High school,	992 97	
School Supplies,	490 31	
		$5,258 96
Unexpended balance,		$84 46

Statement of cost to Acton of Union District system of Superintendence for current year:

EXPENDITURES.

Acton's proportion of salary 30 per cent.,		$390 00
Services and expenses of Committee.		
Expense at Worcester,	$17 55	
Services James Fletcher,	51 25	
" Charles J. Williams,	15 85	
" Chas. L. Bradford,	15 10	
		$99 65
		$489 65

RECEIPTS.

From State, 30 per cent. of $500, (applicable to salary of Supt.,)	$150 00	
From State, based on average attendance at schools,	166 00	
		$316 00
Net cost of District system,		$173 65
Deduct amount formerly paid Supt. per annum,		125 00
Increased cost of present over former system,		$48 65

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

The seventh graduating exercises of the Acton High School, class of 1892, were held at the Town Hall, on Friday evening, June 10, at eight o'clock. The music was furnished by the Alumnæ.

PROGRAMME.

1. March.
2. Prayer.
3. Salutatory and Essay, "Sunlight and shadow in the life of Columbus." . . . Eva N. Kraetzer
4. Essay, "Wonders of the Ocean," James E. Clements
5. Music.
6. Essay, "Applications of Electricity." Clara Sawyer
7. Essay, "The battle of Bunker Hill." Chas. L. Decoster
8. Music.
9. Essay, "What nature said to me." Helen L. Bradford
10. Essay, "General Sheridan." . John W. Haniford
11. Music.
12. Essay and Prophecy, "The new Womanhood." . . Marion H. Hapgood.
13. Essay and Valedictory, "Self Development." . . Henrietta Clark.
14. Music.
15. Presentation of Diplomas.

CLASS OF 1892. MOTTO, "DOE YE NEXTE THYNGE."

Helen L. Bradford,
Marion H. Hapgood,
Clara Sawyer,
Charles L. Decoster,
Henrietta Clark,
Eva F. Kraetzer,
James E. Clements,
John W. Haniford.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TOWN OF ACTON, to JAMES FLETCHER on Supply Account.

Dr. C. Ginn & Co.:						
Mar.	22.	To	5	Wentworth's Geometries,		$ 3 13
Aug.	20.	"	15	General Histories,	$22 50	
"	20.	"	20	School Algebras,	22 40	
"	20.	"	20	Physiologies,	16 00	
"	20.	"	20	Whitney & Lockwood Grammars,	14 00	
"	20.	"	100	Wentworth's Primary Arithmetics,	30 00	
"	20.	"	100	Gram. School Arithmetics,	65 00	
"	20.	"	7	First steps in teaching,	6 30	
"	20.	"	7	Baldwin's Arithmetics,	3 15	
"	20.	"	100	Tarbell's Language No. 1,	40 00	
"	20.	"	75	Tarbell's Language, No. 2,	45 00	
					$264 35	
				1-6 off,	44 06	
						$220 29
Sept.	3.	To	96	Spelling Blanks,	$ 2 80	
"	3.	"	4	Cæsars,	4 17	
"	3.	"	276	Copy books,	16 56	
"	2.	"	4	Cæsars,	4 17	

Sept.	2.	To 36	Copy books,	$ 2 16	
"	7.	" 40	Tarbell's Language, No. 2,	20 00	
"	13.	" 12	Gram. School Arith.,	6 50	
"	16.	" 12	" " "	6 50	
"	23.	" 48	Copy books,	2 88	
					$47 74
Oct.	12.	To 54	Tracing books,		$ 5 07
Nov.	4.	" 12	Tarbell's Language,	$ 6 00	
"	4.	" 24	Spelling blanks,	70	
					$ 6 70
					$297 80
Sept.	23.	Credit, by books, in exchange old,		$101 70	
"	23.	By cash,		75 00	
Nov.	1.	By cash,		75 00	
1893.					
Jan.	30.	Cash to balance,		46 10	
					$297 80

To Boston School Supply:

1892.				
Mar.	2.	To 12 qts. of ink,		$ 3 60
"	3.	" 16 dozen tablets,		7 68
"	24.	" 6 reams of practice paper,		2 52
"	24.	" 48 spelling blanks,		1 20
"	24.	" 24 Prang's drawing books,		1 80
"	24.	" 12 slates,		90
"	24.	" 24 slate bands,		1 72
"	24.	" 216 lead pencils,		3 75
"	24.	" 4 Warren's C. A.,		3 60
"	24.	" 6 Helps in Comp.,		4 50
May	6.	" 2 lbs. of rubber,		1 70

April	18.	To	24 spelling blanks,	$ 60
"	24.	"	24 slate bands,	1 72
Sept.	6.	"	1 box of slate pencils,	90
"	6.	"	1 gross of lead pencils,	2 50
"	6.	"	1 lb. of school sponges,	1 20
"	20.	"	18 Ward's Business Forms,	1 80
"	20.	"	12 sets of Messervey's blanks,	5 70
"	27.	"	12 mucilage bottles,	50
"	27.	"	1 Foundation of Death,	1 20
Oct.	12.	"	144 lead pencils,	2 50
"	12.	"	2 lbs. of rubber,	1 70
Sept.	9.	"	12 Scudder's U. S. History,	11 40
"	9.	"	36 slate bands,	2 16
"	9.	"	2 boxes of slate pencils,	24
"	9.	"	48 slates,	4 80
"	9.	"	6 Harkness' Latin Grammar,	6 05
"	9.	"	6 boxes of Thompson's Busy Work, No. 1,	90
"	9.	"	6 boxes of Thompson's Busy Work, No. 2,	1 50
Oct.	28.	"	12 quarts of ink,	3 60
"	28.	"	2 boxes of slate pencils,	60
"	28.	"	2 lbs. of rubber,	1 70
Nov.	1.	"	13 gross of pens,	6 50
"	4.	"	12 Modern Series,	72
"	4.	"	24 Prang's Drawing, No. 1,	1 80
"	4.	"	24 " " " 3,	1 80
"	4.	"	72 lead pencils,	1 25
"	4.	"	12 Ward's Business Forms,	1 20
"	4.	"	4 Scudder's U. S. History,	3 80
Dec.	9.	"	144 slate pencils,	90
"	9.	"	288 lead pencils, No. 2,	5 00
"	9.	"	144 " " " 3,	2 50
"	9.	"	24 table cards, No. 6,	96

To American Book Company:

March 24, 1892.	To	12 Harper's Fourth Readers,	$4	86
April 11, "	"	24 Primary Copy Books,	1	10
" 11, "	"	12 Swinton Language Lessons,	3	06
" 18, "	"	72 Harper's Copy Book,	4	38
May 23, "	"	12 Harper's First Readers,	1	95
Sept. 13, "	"	2 Barnes' Third Reader,	3	89
" 13, "	"	12 Tracing Books,		49
" 16, "	"	12 Harper's School Geography,	8	75
Nov. 4, "	"	12 Barnes' Third Reader,	4	80
" 4, "	"	12 Harper's School Geography,	8	75
			$42	03

To J. L. Hammett:

April 23, 1892.	To	144 Lead Pencils,	$2	25
" 23, "	"	10 Reams of Drawing Paper,	3	00
" 23, "	"	50 Cornhill Pads,	3	00
" 23, "	"	15 lbs Job Blocks,	1	27
" 23, "	"	25 boxes Crayon,	2	00
June 15, "	"	5 Maps of Massachusetts,	17	50
Oct. 3, "	"	W. Jennings for expressage,	4	40
June 1, "	"	" " "	3	85
" 27, "	"	different persons,	2	40
" 27, "	"	" "	1	20
Jan. 6, "	"	E. Houghton,	1	30
			$42	17

June 10, 1892.	Campbell & Hanscom, to printing blanks for Superintendent,	$8	00
July 1, 1892.	To Thomas Todd, for programmes and tickets for H. school grad.	6	75
Aug. 3, 1892.	Ink Stamp,	1	15
Sept. 27, "	Educational Publishing Co., to supplementary reading,	1	53

		$17 43
Town of Acton, credit by cash drawn,	$445 86	
" " debit to bills paid,	413 53	
Cr. by amount overdrawn,		$32 33
Cr. by abatement of the $75 paid by the town for charts,	$5 00	
Cr. by sale of supplies,	3 25	
Cr. by ink for Library,	35	
		$40 93
Appropriation for supplies by town,		450 00
Amount charged to supply account by Selectmen,	$531 24	
By credit as above,	40 93	
		490 31
Net cost of supplies above appropriation,		40 31
Estimated value of supplies now in stock,		130 00

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FLETCHER,
Purchasing Agent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Acton:

The following report is herewith presented for consideration. In my visits to the different schools, I have observed the sanitary condition of the school buildings, the kind and condition of the text-books, the methods of teaching, the kind of school management, the proficiency of the pupils; have noted the course of study, and have endeavored to become well acquainted with the school system. In my work I have received the ready co-operation of teachers and school committee, by which my acquaintance with the school system has been facilitated.

DISTRICT SUPERVISION OF SCHOOLS.

Chapter 431 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1888 provides as follows:

1. Any two or more more towns, the valuation of each of which does not exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars, and the aggregate number of schools in all of which is not more than fifty nor less than thirty, may, by vote of the several towns, unite for the purpose of the employment of a superintendent of schools under the provisions of this act.

2. When such a union has been effected, the school committees of the towns comprising the union shall form a joint committee. Said committee shall meet annually in joint convention in the month of April. They shall choose, by ballot, a superintendent of schools, and determine the relative

amount of service to be performed by him in each town, fix his salary, and apportion the amount thereof to be paid by the several towns.

Financial Conditions.

The towns forming the union, in addition to an amount equal to the average of the total sum paid by the several towns for schools during the three years next preceding, must unitedly raise by taxation and appropriate a sum not less than seven hundred and fifty dollars for the support of a superintendent of schools.

State Aid.

Upon compliance with the provisions of the law by the towns uniting, the state will grant them one thousand dollars, one-half of which amount is to be paid for the salary of the superintendent of schools, making it at least twelve hundred and fifty dollars, and the remaining one-half, five hundred dollars, is to be paid for the salaries of teachers employed in the public schools within the district.

District Statistics.

The joint committee of the district met at Worcester, May 21, organized by choosing Rev. James Fletcher of Acton, chairman and C. H. Clark of West Brookfield, secretary and unanimously elected a superintendent of schools in accordance with the foregoing provisions. The relative amount of his service was determined by the committee as follows: Stur bridge, four tenths or eight days; Acton, three tenths or six days; West Brookfield, three tenths or six days, of each school month of twenty days. The salary was apportioned in the same ratio. The year for which the superintendent is engaged will end May 21, 1893, practically another term. The net cost to the town for his services up to that date will be about eighty dollars.

The School System.

Perhaps the most important question to be discussed in this report is: What changes, if any, shall be made in the public school system? The town is familiar with the recommendations made by the committee last spring, that certain changes in the system were necessary, the estimated annual cost of which was $1726. Subtracting from this sum the cost for transportation of high school pupils ($300.) the estimated cost of the other changes proposed is $1426. The part of the committee's report represented by the last sum I am willing to touch upon, but the advisability of free transportation must be left with those who know well the local conditions that demand it. How to secure all that is desirable in public school education and yet keep the expenditure within reasonable limits is a problem not easily solved. But the fact that the town appointed a committee "to consider and report upon the proposed changes in the public school system" shows that the present system, or its application is unsatisfactory. The plan submitted by the committee, if adopted, would do much to improve the grammar and the primary schools of the South, West and Center. The following plan would, in my opinion, accomplish still more in the right direction because it would improve all the schools, nor would it add anything to the present cost.

1. Let the North and East schools remain as they are.
2. Unite the schools at the Center.
3. Permanently locate the High School.
4. Give to the High School an assistant teacher.
5. Make the High school course four years.
6. Make the proposed additional year's work of the grammar grade the first year's work of the High School.

In order that a school may do the most profitable work there must be a sufficient number of pupils and intelligent clas-

sification. There is in the District a school of five pupils in two grades. The classification is ideal but profitable work cannot be done in such a school because there is lacking one very important element, viz., enthusiastic class work. This deficiciency of the small district schools, together with the ever increasing difficulty of retaining good teachers for them, gives the promoters of consolidation, in which under reasonable conditions I firmly believe, their strongest argument. I have this essential of a good school in mind when I advise that all pupils at the North and the East attend school where they belong, and that the Center schools be united. By the union of these schools one of the teachers becomes available for the position of High School assistant, while the remaining teacher will not find too many pupils for one good school.

That the High School should be permanently located needs no discussion. The one sentiment I have met with is, that this should be done, right away. It is simply a question of *where*, and the town is not likely to choose a wrong location.

The change in the application of the system that would increase the efficiency of the schools most is the one advising the employment of a High School assistant. With this addition to the teaching force of the High School a large class can be admitted, the additional year's work recommended by the School Committee can be done, the need of Intermediate schools removed, and the village schools better graded. Two teachers in the High school with sixty pupils would be an infinitely better arrangement for the school system than two teachers at the Center schools with thirty pupils. Upon the adoption of this or the committee's report, in the main, depends largely the future improvement of the schools. The sentiment of a community regulates in a measure the work of the schools, but the logical outcome of good sentiment is right

action — in this case, at town meeting. A community that insists upon having good schools will get them. If it will tolerate poor schools it will have them. If the town deems it advisable to adopt the plan presented in this report, in whole or in part, and wishes to increase the efficiency of the schools still more I would suggest that a *Grammar* School be opened for the accommodation of the pupils of the two highest grammar grades of the South and West — the school to be located at the West if the High School goes to the South; otherwise at the South — and that the present Grammar Schools at the South and the West be made Intermediate Schools.

School Buildings.

The school-houses are roomy, well-lighted, fairly-well ventilated — from the standpoint of natural ventilation — pleasantly located, have a good supply of blackboard surface and comfortable seats, and, with the exception of the South East, have been kept in good condition. The seats in some of the rooms have been moved nearer the desks, an arrangement more in accordance with hygienic principles. The same re-arrangement in the other rooms would tend to secure in the pupils a more healthful position of the body. The out-houses at the South and the West should be provided with better means of ventilation, and those in the other districts be repaired.

High School.

For several years this school has been conducted by Mr. Armstrong, a man of broad and accurate scholarship, a strong disciplinarian, and a skillful instructor. He possessed the esteem of his pupils, the confidence of the School Committee, and the respect of the community. That he decided to accept a position elsewhere has occasioned general regret.

This school enrolls forty-seven pupils, about one sixth of

the number in town. It may be safe to assume that thirty-four of these will be found in the school next fall. Under the present system how many more can one teacher instruct profitably? But there are, now, forty-seven pupils who expect to be candidates for admission next fall, some for the second time. What is to be done with these pupils? Are from twenty to thirty of them, wounded in self-respect, to be sent back to the schools from whence they came, to retrace, in an indifferent manner, their last year's course? The process of rushing pupils through the different grades should, undoubtedly, be stopped; but should it be done by the doors of the High School? A retarding process, begun in the primary schools and continued throughout the course so that a pupil would not become a candidate for High School honors unless he was very likely to pass, would seem more appropriate. The method of work that permits a large class to come through the different grades to the doors of this school and then refuses admission to more than one half of them should have a substitute.

Course of Study.

The present official course of study needed revising as soon as the new text-books in Language and Arithmetic were adopted, as it calls for certain pages to be taken in the text-book rather than for definite topics of study. I have from time to time outlined the work expected in each grade, but there should be a revised course, printed. The new "Course of Study for Elementary Schools," prepared under direction of the State Board of Education might be adopted, wholly or in part. When the changes to be made in the school system are fully decided upon, a *new* course of study, including one for the High School — for that needs revising also — adapted as well as it can be to the system, should be prepared for the schools. It should be revised from time to time to meet the

needs of the pupils, and printed when it shall appear advisable to the School Committee.

Examinations and Promotions.

What kind of examinations shall be given in the schools? For what purpose shall they be given? Shall promotions be made on these examinations? Shall the tests be for knowledge, or for power, or both? How often shall they be given? By whom shall they be given? These questions have received a great deal of thought from educators in the past few years. Every recitation tests the quality of the teaching as well as the knowledge or the power gained by the pupils. It will be well therefore for teachers to bear in mind that when recitations are uniformly poor, the fault lies largely in the teaching. I have given examinations to the schools frequently, both oral and written. The written examinations were conducted by the teachers. I have a record of the per cents. gained by the different pupils; and while they *may* be used in making promotions, the examinations were not primarily for that purpose. There should be this difference in examinations — that while the teachers' tests should be given for the purpose of discovering the amount of knowledge and information retained by their pupils, their growth in power, or their skill acquired, the superintendent in his examination should test the value of the teaching, discoverable through the attainments of the pupils, and, by his questions, direct largely the work of the teacher with her classes. In the *oral* tests both these objects have been gained in a satisfactory degree. The *written* examinations have served well in directing the work of the teachers, but they have failed, in a measure, to accomplish the second object because generally, the aim of the teacher being primarily to secure a high mark for their pupils, there has been in some schools too much cramming for the tests. The method of examination for admission to the High

School, together with the preliminary work for it is largely responsible for this interpretation of the object of examinations. And such is its influence upon teaching that without doubt, in the spring term one-half the time of the first class of the grammar grades has been taken to cram pupils for the annual test. While this remains the basis of promotion the teachers well know their success will be judged largely by the number of pupils they promote to the High School. This is not a criticism on the teachers, for it is the kind of work they feel compelled to do whether it accords with their judgment or not. Perhaps the most unfair feature of this work is that the pupils of the teacher who makes the shrewdest guess as to what the examination questions will be stand the best chance of being admitted to the High School, without regard to scholarship. If the *end* of school work is the answering of a few questions without regard to the method by which they are obtained, this cramming is the proper means; but if the *end* of education is the training of the physical, intellectual and moral powers, the fitting of boys and girls to become good and useful members of society a different method will more likely accomplish the desired end.

In speaking of the influence of promotion examinations, Dr. E. E. White says, "They set up a low and alluring end for study and they dissipate that natural desire for knowledge which is a source and inspiration of all true learning and of all true joy in study. The more the interest of the pupils is focussed on the examination as an end, the more they fall into the use of memoriter and mechanical methods of study. They work for per cents., they cram for per cents., and too often, as it is feared, they cheat for per cents." The teachers are best able to judge of the attainments of their own pupils and also their capacity for mental work; and their opinions should have great weight in determining promotions. The

dam between the highest grammar grade and the High School should be removed. True teaching should develop power-character.

The Work of the Schools.

The remodelling of a school system should proceed with due deliberation. No changes should be made except for good reasons. At the best, the upbuilding of a school system is necessarily a slow operation. It is not a mechanical process. It is a growth, therefore requires time for its development. But although so much remains to be done, the work of the past year has not been without its encouragements. Changes have taken place in methods of instruction, and in the time given some of the studies. Every teacher aims to systematize her work, and the time given to each recitation is governed by a daily programme.

The change of text-books in language was very acceptable to the teachers, and more and better work is now being done in this important study. Special attention is given to the pupils' language in all recitations. The change of text-books in arithmetic, too, was a decided improvement. The primary school teachers especially appreciate the change. In this branch of study, objective teaching is becoming more and more the basis of work. Accuracy and speed in fundamental operations are receiving special attention, and constant application to the practical business of life is required.

In geography, study and recitation are more largely by topic. Thus the pupils, besides storing their minds with knowledge and information in a more orderly way than is possible under the question-and-answer method used alone, get a good training in the expression of thought, because they are required to reproduce the thought of the author in their own language.

The primary grades have been supplied with combina-

tion charts and maps of Massachusetts, and the High School has had several new text-books. The teachers have found them very helpful.

Perhaps the most marked improvement has been in primary reading. For this we are much indebted to those teachers who have carefully observed the same work in the Chelsea schools.

Teachers' meetings for the discussion of the course of study, methods of instruction, and school management, have been held regularly, and have been very helpful in unifying the work of the schools. We were fortunate in having Mr. Geo. A. Walton, agent of the State Board of Education, to address the teachers at one of these meetings. The teachers had the privilege also of attending a Teachers' Institute at Maynard. The time taken from regular school hours to attend these meetings and to visit the schools of other towns is, I believe, in every way profitable to the teachers and to the town.

Duties of the Superintendent.

Superintendence requires wide experience in school work and a knowledge of the principles of teaching on which methods of instruction are based. The superintendent should be able to treat subjects of school work philosophically, and explain their relation to underlying principles. To prepare himself for his work and to keep in touch with educational movements, he must study the science and art of education, read educational journals, visit the best schools to be found, attend teachers' institutes, superintendents' meetings, conventions, summer schools, etc. Much of the work must necessarily be done on Saturdays and in vacations. He must direct the methods of teaching, therefore he should ever be alert to obtain the best thought of the day on every subject of school work. It would be difficult to state precisely *all*

the duties of the superintendent, but they have been briefly summarized as follows:

1. *He is the executive officer of the School Board.* He keeps the Committee informed of the condition and needs of the schools. From time to time he makes a detailed report to the Committee, offering suggestions, answering questions, etc. He appears before the Board whenever requested, and makes known his plans and purposes, so that the Committee have through him, a knowledge of the work of the different schools, and of his aims for future work. He has no authority to employ or dismiss teachers, buy books and supplies, make repairs, change courses of study, etc., except as it is delegated to him by the Committee. In fact, he has no authority but what is derived from the School Committee.

2. *He unifies the work as much as possible throughout the town.* He aims to systematize the whole of school instruction from the lowest primary through the high school course. In his visits he finds need of strengthening weak places. He sees that every study receives proper attention. He arranges for teachers' meetings, in which suggestions and directions, papers, discussions of school work, etc., are made prominent.

3. *He directs teachers in their methods of instruction.* The superintendent should not unduly interfere with the teacher's management. They are most truly aided who are put in the way of aiding themselves. He indicates to each teacher the work to be attempted, calls attention to mistakes, suggests good methods, and gives teaching and test exercises. It is not necessary, nor is it desirable, that methods be the exact copies of one another. Teachers should be allowed all possible freedom in developing their plans and methods, and then be held responsible for results.

4. *He trains young and inexperienced teachers.* Owing to the small salaries paid in many of the schools, it becomes

necessary to employ young men, or women, who have had no experience in teaching. To these teachers, and in fact to all others, he gives the advantage of his experience, not only in the same town, but in other towns.

5. *He arranges a course of study.* An outline of what is to be accomplished in each grade is indispensible to systematic work. With this before her, the teacher becomes acquainted with the work to be accomplished in the different grades, and knows just what she is expected to do. It enables her to confine her teaching, in the main, to subjects which the pupils have yet to learn, and to avoid giving much time to those already known.

6. *He classifies pupils according to their attainments.* The superintendent holds frequent consultations with the teachers in regard to the needs of the different pupils, and sees that children are properly classified. Perplexing problems are continually arising which he assists the teachers in solving.

7. *He encouragss in pupils promptness and regularity of attendance.* He becomes acquainted with the pupils, knows those who are incllned to be irregular in attendance, and in various ways endeavors to make them see the necessity of promptness and regularity.

8. *He makes school supervision a business.* He gives his whole time to the work of superintending, visits the schools regularly and systematically, is acquainted with the condition of the buildings, the kind of work done by teachers and pupils, the quality and quantity of books and apparatus, and the needs of the schools generally.

In my work with the teachers, I have found them ready to receive any suggestion or directions that appeared needful, and earnestly desirous of advancing the school interests of the town.

To the School Committee, especially the chairman and the secretary, I am greatly indebted for valuable assistance. In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere thanks for the kindness and courtesy shown me in the discharge of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD DIXON,

Superintendent of Schools.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1892-93.

SCHOOLS.	TERMS.	TEACHERS.	Wages per month.	Number of weeks in term.	Whole number of pupils.	Average membership.	Average attendance.	Per cent. of attendance.	Pupils under 5 years of age.	Pupils under 15 years of age.	Between 8 and 14 years of age.
	Spring.	A. W. Armstrong.	$	12	38	31.6	28.7	91	0	19	19
High.	Fall.	A. W. Armstrong.	120.20	12	44	43.8	41.8	95	0	21	23
	Winter.	A. W. Armstrong. / C. A. Crooks.		12	46	42.3	37.9	90	0	22	6
	Spring.			12	17	14.	13.	93	0	0	15
Centre Grammar.	Fall.	Clara B. Holden.	40.00	12	20	16.	13.6	85	0	0	20
	Winter.			12	19	15.58	14.17	91	0	0	19
	Spring.			12	17	15.7	15.4	98	0	0	1
Centre Primary.	Fall.	Sarah E. Hammond.	40.00	12	17	14.3	13.7	96	0	0	0
	Winter.			12	14	11.01	10.14	92	0	0	7
	Spring.			12	33	31.2	29.9	96	0	2	31
South Grammar.	Fall.	Hattie L. Tuttle.	40.00	12	36	35.2	33.9	96	0	2	34
	Winter.			12	35	31.6	29.8	94	0	2	33
	Spring.			12	34	31.7	28.8	91	1	0	17
South Primary.	Fall.	Bertha L. Gardner.	40.00	12	42	37.5	35.7	96	0	0	13
	Winter.			12	35	30.6	27.7	91	0	0	12
	Spring.			12	32	31.	28.4	91	0	3	28
West Grammar.	Fall.	Albertie L. Preston.	40.00	12	43	38.7	36.6	94	0	1	41
	Winter.			12	44	41.3	37.7	91	0	1	40
	Spring.			12	49	45.	38.	85	2	0	23
West Primary.	Fall.	Harriet H. Gardner.	40.00	12	40	36.	34.9	97	1	0	16
	Winter.			12	40	35.4	33.4	94	0	0	18
	Spring.	Mattie F. Smith.		12	17	16.3	15.5	95	0	0	13
North.	Fall.	Susie E. Conant.	40.00	12	18	17.7	17.1	97	1	0	10
	Winter.	Susie E. Conant.		12	19	16.2	15.4	94	1	0	11
	Spring.	Rena M. Carr.		12	29	27.2	25.3	93	1	0	20
East.	Fall.	Rena M. Carr.	40.00	12	29	28.7	27.5	96	1	1	19
	Winter.	M. Florence Fletcher.		11	29	23.7	21.5	90	0	0	20
	Spring.	Ella E. Day.		12	8	8.	7.5	94	0	0	6
South East.	Fall.	Bertha E. Hosmer.	36.00	12	13	9.5	8.7	92	0	0	8
	Winter.	Lena Hayward.		12	11	10.3	9.9	97	0	1	7

Number between 5 and 15, as reported by the Assesors for the year 1892; 264.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. MIDDLESEX SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Acton, qualified to vote in the elections and town affairs, to assemble in the Town Hall, in said Town, ON MONDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF APRIL, A. D., 1893, at One o'clock, p. m., then and there to act upon the following Articles as they may think proper, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To fill all vacancies in the list of town officers and committees.

ART. 3. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools and for school supplies for the present year, or act thereon.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the due observance of Memorial day.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will accept of the jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 6. To vote by ballot, Yes or No, in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town the present year?"

ART. 7. To see if the Town will accept of the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, and other Town officers, or act anything thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for the Town, if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will erect and maintain street lamps, or take any action thereon.

ART. 10. To hear the reports of any committees, chosen to report at this meeting, or act anything thereon.

ART. 11. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of Memorial Library for the ensuing year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 12. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the repairing of roads and bridges the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will raise the sum of two hundred dollars for repairing the road leading from Acton Centre to East Acton, beginning at the hearse house in Woodlawn Cemetery, to the Old Colony railroad crossing, or act anything thereon.

ART. 14. To see what amount of money the Town will raise to defray Town charges the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will locate the bounds and straighten and widen the road leading from the house of W. F. Stevens, past the house of E. H. Cutler to the intersection with the road leading from Acton Centre to South Acton, or act anything thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will accept of the provisions of Sec. 74, 75, 76 and 77 of Chap. 27 of the Public Statutes, in relation to the election of three Road Commissioners, or act anything thereon.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to change the precinct lines, so as to place John Kelley and S. Richardson in precinct 3, or act anything thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will change the location of the roads on the south side of the Town Hall, or act anything thereon.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to hold one meeting in March or April in each year, instead of one in March and one in April, or act anything thereon.

ART. 20. To see what sum of money the Town will raise to be expended on the turnpike, under the order of the County Commissioners.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will raise the sum of one thousand dollars to defray the expense of breaking roads.

ART. 22. To see what action the town will take in reference to better protection against fires.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will celebrate the nineteenth of April, 1893, or act anything thereon.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will lay out and grade a road from the house of J. C. Gates to the Leland Stevens road, or act anything thereon.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to buy the whole or a part of the land now owned by Geo. W. Woodman in Acton Centre, to be a common or a highway as they may direct, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places: One at the Post Office in the Centre of the Town; one at the store of Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee; one at the store of H. A. Littlefield; one at the store of C. H. Mead & Co.; one at the Nagog House; one at each of the Railroad stations, and one at the Post Office at

East Acton, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands, in Acton, this eighteenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.

GUSTAVUS V. BOWEN,
HANSON A. LITTLEFIELD,
ED. F. CONANT,
Selectmen of Acton.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON
(MASS.,)

FROM

FEBRUARY 26, 1893, TO MARCH 12, 1894.



HUDSON, MASS.:
THE ENTERPRISE PRINTING CO.,
1894.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF ACTON in account with J. K. W. WETHERBEE, Treasurer.

1894.	Dr.		
March 12.	To cash paid, State tax,	$1,625 00	
" "	" " County tax,	1,326 91	
" "	" " on Selectmen's orders,	24,445 13	
" "	Balance due the town,	2,844 94	
			$30,241 98
1893.	Cr.		
Feb. 26.	By cash in the treasury,	$2,827 59	
Received for money overdrawn for lighting street lamps,		4 00	
Received from Acton Memorial library for fines,		14 38	
Nathan Johnson, old hearse wheels,		10 00	
Nathan Johnson, hay in Woodlawn cemetery,		10 00	
I. S. Ford, old road scraper,		20 00	
L. W. Stevens, lots sold in Mt. Hope cemetery,		22 00	
John Fletcher, lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery,		22 00	
William D. Tuttle, borrowed money,		550 00	
F. H. Jones, borrowed money,		700 00	
B. H. & O. K. Patch, borrowed money,		500 00	

South Acton Young People's Christian Union, borrowed money,	100 00
John A. Bowen, borrowed money,	3,000 00
Estate of William Davis, borrowed money,	28 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, borrowed money,	324 74
State Treasurer, support of State pauper,	10 75
State Treasurer, burial of State pauper,	15 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax,	519 69
State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	314 72
State Treasurer, military aid, chap. 279, acts 1889,	133 25
State Treasurer, State aid, chap. 301, acts 1889,	558 00
State Treasurer, increase of Mass. school fund,	233 54
County Treasurer, dog tax,	243 08
C. H. Clark, on account of supervision of schools,	315 28
C. J. Williams, school supplies sold,	20
C. J. Williams, damage to school furniture in East district,	1 00
Town of Boxboro, tuition of Alice P. Willard,	16 00
Estate of Rev. Jas. Fletcher, cash overdrawn for school supplies,	40 93

Estate of J. E.Cutter,taxes for 1891 and 1892,	1,009 50	
C. W.Pitman,rent of Town hall and cellar,	102 25	
W. F. Stevens, taxes for 1893,	18,506 79	
Interest on money in bank,	89 29	
		$30,241 98

Treasurer's Report of Money held for care of Lots in the Cemeteries.

Hepsabeth Piper fund,	$ 50 00
Frederick Rouillard fund,	100 00
William W. Davis fund,	100 00
Jedediah Tuttle fund,	50 00
Nancy K. Handley fund,	500 00
Mary Skinner fund,	200 00
	$1,000 00

J. K. W. WETHERBEE,
Treasurer of Acton.

ACTON, March 12, 1894.

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
Auditors of the Town of Acton.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of Acton:

In presenting our report to you for the past year, we shall vary somewhat from previous reports. You having voted at your last April meeting to hold but one meeting in the Spring, it was thought advisable to change the ending of the town year, so as to have the school and town year end at the same time, and in order to do this we have extended it from February 26 to March 12.

This will necessarily increase the expenses for the past year, but it will also enable us to report the Town farm account in our past year, and not carry the deficiency over into the following year, as has been customary in the past.

We have also itemized some accounts more than has usually been done, and if we were going to make a report that would be satisfactory to us, and which we think would be acceptable to a good many, we would itemize all accounts in full.

It also seems essential that there should be, not only a report of our past year, but also some statement or estimate of the coming year's expenses, that you may vote understandingly, and, after carefully examining all the accounts, we would make the following recommendations to you:

For Roads and bridges,	$2,000 00
Special road work,	800 00
Memorial Library,	550 00
State tax,	1,500 00

County tax,		1,300 00
Overlayings,		500 00
Town charges the following;		
Support of Poor,	$1,300 00	
Cemetery expenses,	300 00	
Town officers,	700 00	
Interest on debt,	400 00	
Printing,	125 00	
Street lamps,	250 00	
Discount on taxes,	1,000,00	
Reshingling North and East school-houses,	150 00	
Painting Centre school-house,	120 00	
Supply of water for Centre school,	100 00	
Supply of water for South school,	75 00	
Grading West Acton school grounds,	100 00	
Heater for Town hall,	400 00	
Miscellaneous expenses,	580 00	
		5,500 00
Schools, as recommended by school committee,		4,400 00
School supplies, as recommended by school committee,		550 00
Superintendent of schools, as recommended by school committee,		475 00
Transportation of scholars, as recommended by school committee,		630 00
Scientific apparatus,		100 00
		$18,305 00

Should you be governed by these recommendations at the coming April meeting, your rate of taxation will not exceed

$11.40 on a thousand for the present year, that is, presuming that our amount of taxable property will be the same as last year, $1,468,910.00, and we think this is a low estimate, as it has increased nearly every year for the past ten years. Should it be larger, then our rate would be less. The poll tax, which is about $1300, is figured in this estimate. Then the town has receipts yearly of $1000 or more from various sources, which could be applied to the payment of part of the town debt. The town will also probably receive about $1000 from the county for work done on the Turnpike road.

Following is the financial report:

UNPAID BILLS FEBRUARY 26, 1893.

Paid Lyman C. Taylor, deficiency on Town farm, 1892,	$465 73
Nathan Johnson, labor in Woodlawn cemetery,	20 55
C. A. Crooks, teacher High school 3 2-5 weeks,	86 89
A. W. Armstrong, teacher high school 3-5 weeks,	15 33
Aid for Mrs. John Qninlan,	104 00
D. A. Cutler, transporting books,	20 00
Mrs. C. A. Vose, aid for Mrs. Trainor,	36 00
" " " "	18 25
Boston School Supply Co.,	8 64
A. W. Armstrong,	2 43
C. H. Mead & Co., supplies and repairs,	10 92
Enterprise Printing Co., 400 blank deeds,	6 50
James Kingsley, use of road,	8 00
Dr. Rich, medical attendance on W. B. Ball,	13 00
Moses Reed, labor in Woodlawn cemetery,	6 30
Dr. I. Hutchins, medical attendance on Henry Parlin,	22 22
Dr. I. Hutchins, medical attendance on Sophie	

Wetherbee,	2 25
Dr. I. Hutchins, medical attendance on M. Murphy,	5 50
Dr. I. Hutchins, medical attendance on F. Smith,	7 50
Dr. I. Hutchins, reporting births in 1891 and 1892,	6 50
Dr. I. Hutchins, school committee 1892,	15 00
C. H. Mead, nails and spikes,	95
Estate of L. U. Holt, repairs on West school-house,	8 90
Estate of L. U. Holt, repairs on Centre school-house,	3 25
C. H. Mead & Co., repairs on West school-house,	9 15
H. T. Clark, repairs on West school-house,	6 70
Estate of J. E. Cutter, salary of collector, 1891,	97 50
M. E. Taylor & Co., sundries for Town hall, 1891,	5 96
M. E. Taylor & Co., sundries for Town hall, 1892,	6 28
Estate of L. U. Holt, 2 coal hods for Town hall,	1 50
Estate of L. U. Holt, 15 lbs. pipe for Town hall,	1 80
J. G. Roberts, binding books for library,	7 73
Estes & Lauriat, books for library,	5 75
Luther Conant, magazine for library,	5 55
Luther Conant, express and teaming for library,	5 10
Estate of L. U. Holt, repairs on library,	7 59
Henry Barker, maintaining 2 street lamps,	4 00

L, C. Baldwin, maintaining	1	street lamp,		2 00
G. V. Bowen, "	1	"		2 00
O. L. Dart, "	1	"		2 00
G. N. Hoit, "	1	"		2 00
L. A. Hesselton "	1	"		2 00
H. J. Hapgood, "	1	"		2 00
F. A. Houston, "	1	"		2 00
L. S. Hosmer, "	1	"		2 00
F.J. Hastings & Co., "	1	"		2 00
A. H. Jones, "	1	"		2 00
Elnathan Jones, "	1	"		2 00
W. H. Jones, "	1	"		2 00
T. F. Newton, "	1	"		2 00
Waldo Tuttle, "	1	"		2 00
F. Z. Taylor, "	1	"		2 00
J. K. W. Wetherbee, "	1	"		2 00
G. W. Worster, "	1	"		2 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, maintaining 2 street lamps,				4 00
Acton Centre Improvement Society, maintaining, 23 street lamps,				46 00
West Acton Street Lighting Association, maintaining 35 street lamps,				70 00
				$1,213 22

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Centre School.

Paid Susie E. Conant, teacher 24 weeks,	$240 00	
Clara B. Holden, teacher 12 weeks,	120 00	
Sarah Hammond, teacher 12 weeks,	120 00	
Nathan Johnson, janitor.	55 50	
" " cutting and getting in wood,	4 91	

Nathan Johnson, cleaning room,	7 25		
Luther Conant, 6 3-4 cords wood,	30 75		
F. J. Hastings & Co., 6,455 lbs. coal,	20 98		
M. E. Taylor & Co., one mop,	20		
" " " screw eyes,	3		
" " " curtain cord,	25		
" " " one brush,	30		
		$600	17
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 1 broom,			92
		$601	09

South School.

Paid Hattie Tuttle, teacher 36 weeks,	$360 00		
Bertha Gardner, " " "	360 00		
C. L. Bradford, janitor,	90 00		
" " cleaning rooms,	6 75		
" " " vault,	1 00		
" " wood and sawing,	3 00		
F. J. Hastings, 5,113 lbs. coal,	15 98		
E. Jones & Co., 4,213 lbs. coal,	13 07		
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, mucilage,	17		
" " " 3 brushes,	2 60		
" " " 1 basin,	10		
" " " 5 dippers,	45		
" " " box powder,	20		
" " " 3 pails,	66		
" " " blacking,	18		
" " " 3 bottles ink,	15		
" " " 1 bottle glue,	10		
" " " coal hod,	62		
" " " sand paper,	9		
" " " polish,	15		
		$855	27

West School.

Paid Harriet H. Gardner, teacher 36 weeks,	$360 00		
Albertie M. Preston, " " "	360 00		

F. W. Green, janitor,	78 00	
" " cleaning vault,	1 00	
" " " rooms,	6 00	
" " cutting wood,	2 50	
E. C. Parker & Co., 4,950 lbs. coal,	17 52	
" " 14,800 lbs. coal,	47 36	
E. Hall & Sons, 2 cords wood,	5 00	
Estate of L. U. Holt, 1 basin,	40	
C. H. Mead & Co., 1 brush,	33	
" " 1 thermometer,	25	
" " bottle mucilage,	10	
" " 3 dozen pencils,	30	
" " sand paper,	6	
" " paper,	91	
		$879 73

Southeast School.

Paid Lena Hayward, teacher one term,	$106 50	
W. S. Jones, janitor,	5 00	
" " cleaning room,	2 00	
		$113 50

North School.

Paid Susie E. Conant, teacher 12 weeks,	$120 00	
Lillian Richardson, " 24 weeks,	216 00	
Samuel Miller, janitor 1 term,	6 00	
John Maynes, janitor 2 terms,	18 00	
C. J. Miller, 10,190 lbs. coal,	27 74	
W. H. Hartwell, teaming coal,	2 50	
" " "	8 50	
" " 1-2 cord wood,	2 50	
" " cutting wood,	1 00	
" " wood,	4 00	
" " 1 broom,	30	
" " cleaning rooms,	7 00	
		$413 54

East School.

Paid Florence Fletcher, teacher 12 weeks,		$120 00	
Lucy M. Booth,	" 24 weeks,	240 00	
C. J. Williams, janitor,		30 00	
D. J. Wetherbee, coal,		24 05	
W. C. Robbins, 2 cords wood,		10 00	
M. E. Taylor & Co., 1 dish,		10	
" "	2 chimneys,	20	
" "	1 burner,	10	
" "	2 gallons oil,	20	
" "	1 shovel,	40	
" "	1 dust pan,	10	
" "	1 coal hod,	58	
" "	1 brush,	37	
			$426 10

High School.

Paid C. A. Crooks, teacher 12 weeks,	$306 66	
W. A. Charles, " 24 weeks,	613 34	
Florence Fletcher, asst. teacher 24 weeks,	240 00	
F. W. Green, janitor,	12 00	
C. L. Bradford, janitor,	60 00	
C. L. Bradford, cleaning room,	75	
F. F. Hastings & Co., 5,112 lbs. coal,	15 97	
E. Jones & Co., 4,212 lbs. coal,	13 06	
J. L. Hammett, for diplomas,	22 25	
		$1,284 03

School Supplies.

Paid Boston School Supply Co.,	$ 42 65
Ginn & Co.,	157 88
J. L. Hammett,	131 26
American Book Co.,	26 25
University Publishing Co.,	35 69
Estate of James Fletcher,	2 62
F. J. Barnard & Co.,	7 50
Houghton Mifflin & Co.,	10 20

Lee & Shepard,	36 08	
Public School Printing Co.,	8 50	
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	30 12	
C. J. Williams,	60	
Dr. I. Hutchins,	1 25	
C. L. Bradford, express,	50	
C. J. Williams, printing,	50	
A. Hosmer, printing,	65	
C. J. Williams, express,	10 20	
		$502 45

MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Paid estate of James Fletcher, janitor,	$ 8 00	
Chas. D. Clark, janitor,	94 55	
Ida A. Hale, librarian,	107 00	
D. A. Cutler, transporting books,	55 00	
J. Breck & Sons, repairing lawn mower,	1 75	
Ida A. Hale, curtain,	1 05	
" " postage,	40	
J. F. Scott, Mass. Reformatory, printing,	14 00	
J. G. Roberts & Co., binding books,	5 74	
F. J. Barnard & Co., " "	15 30	
F. J. Hastings & Co., 12,725 lbs. coal,	41 36	
M. E. Taylor & Co., 161 1-2 gal. oil,	12 92	
" " " basket,	50	
" " " 26 chimneys,	2 21	
" " " 2 brushes,	1 32	
" " " pencils and paper,	80	
" " " pail,	35	
" " " sundries,	54	
Estes & Lauriat, books,	58 09	
DeWolf, Fiske & Co., books,	67 12	
H. D. Noyes, books,	24 70	
Luther Conant, magazine and express,	4 69	
		$517 30

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Lyman C. Taylor, deficiency on town farm in 1893,	$416 03	
Mrs. C. A. Vose, aid for Mrs. Trainor in 1893,	36 00	
L. C. Taylor, aid for Mrs. Pike,	46 00	
Dr. C. B. Sanders, medical attendance on Wm. Hill,	2 50	
Dr. Steadman, medical attendance on Daniel Griffin,	2 00	
Solon Robbins, aid for Mrs. A. M. Jones,	120 00	
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, for Richard Temple,	169 87	
City of Lowell, for Kingsley children,	155 56	
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, for Emily G. Towne,	169 46	
Worcester Insane Asylum, for Clara Wheeler,	169 46	
L. C. Taylor, expenses to Roxbury (Welch children),	2 50	
L. C. Taylor, burial expenses of Isaac Bryant,	10 00	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, aid for Mrs. J. Quinlan,	108 00	
		$1,407 38

REPAIRS ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Paid Samuel Jones, Jr., repairs on South school-house,	$159 61	
Samuel Jones, Jr., repairs on South East school-house,	3 09	
Samuel Jones, Jr., repairs on North school-house,	1 75	
Frank E. Harris, repairs on West school-house,	85 16	

Wm.Kingsley,repairs on West school-house,	23 15
Estate of L. U. Holt, repairs on West school-house,	63 89
E. Jones & Co., lumber for West school house,	179 46
Moses A. Reed, making vault for South school-house,	45 07
W. H. Jones, stone for South school-house,	50
Francis Jones,repairs on South school-house,	52 30
A. C. Piper, grading round South school-house,	6 00
A. Allard, teaming sand for mortar South school-house,	2 50
John Temple, whitewashing South school-house,	4 00
Estate of L. U. Holt, repairs on South school-house,	53 57
Estate of L. U. Holt,repairs on Centre school-house,	6 60
Estate of L. U. Holt, repairs on North school-house,	7 00
Estate of L. U. Holt, repairs on grate East school-house,	2 00
C. J. Williams,repairs on East school-house,	22 07
W. B. Davis, repairs on East school-house,	21 17
Spofford Robbins, repairs on Centre school-house,	29 24
Francis Jones, repairs on Centre school-house,	2 00
Francis Jones, repairs on North school-house,	5 26

Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, repairs on South school-house,	15 56
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 1-2 gal. B. B. paint for East school-house,	1 75
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, light of glass for Memorial Library,	1 33
Dr. I. Hutchins, teaming lumber for West school-house,	4 50
E. Jones & Co., lumber for repairs on on Town farm,	5 82
H. F. Tuttle, repairs on Centre school-house,	2 60
Thomas Hall, one bell for school-house,	2 20
W. L. Mead, repairs on West school-house,	34 50
J. L. Hammett, ink wells,	1 20
Flagg & Russell, 997 lbs. ashes for Library grounds,	5 97
W. C. Robbins, teaming ashes for Library grounds,	1 00
W. F. Hale, repairing pump at Town farm,	25
W. H. Hartwell, repairing pump at North school-house,	30
W. B. Holt, repairing pump at West school-house,	1 60
W. S. Jones, repairs on Southeast school-house,	2 75
W. B. Davis, repairs on Centre school-house,	1 65
F. W. Green, labor on West school-house grounds,	1 00
F. W. Green, bolts,	20

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Wm. Kingsley, gravel for Centre school grounds,	2 25	
C. H. Clark, repairs on Library,	6 15	
Estate of L. U. Holt, repairs on pump at Library,	1 81	
Estate of James Fletcher, repairs on Library,	3 10	
W. H. Hartwell, one lock,	42	
		$873 30

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Nahum Littlefield, for regular highway work,	$605 56	
H. A. Gould for regular highway work,	892 69	
Wm. Kingsley, for regular highway work,	186 77	
Nahum Littlefield, work on East Acton road,	232 68	
Wm. Kingsley, work on East Acton road,	140 30	
Nahum Littlefield, work on Acton Centre road,	62 25	
Wm. Kingsley, work on Acton Centre road,	68 55	
C. F. Shirland, teaming stone on Stow road,	4 00	
Nahum Littlefield, material for fence on Stow road,	8 40	
Nahum Littlefield, one plow point,	54	
Geo. Houghton, 61 loads gravel,	3 05	
Calvin Harris, 144 loads gravel,	7 20	
N. A. Davidson, 200 loads gravel,	10 00	
S. A. Guilford, blacksmith bill,	5 85	

Wm. Kingsley, blacksmith blll,	3 85	
E. Jones & Co., lumber and spikes for Powder Mill bridge,	159 02	
Am. Powder Mills, lumber and work on Powder Mill bridge,	13 85	
J. E. Reed, work on Powder Mill bridge,	10 00	
James Tuttle, 150 feet timber for Powder Mill bridge,	2 70	
A. C. Handley, 600 feet timber for Powder mill bridge,	10 80	
E. F. Conant, 750 feet timber for Powder Mill bridge,	13 50	
J. D. Moulton, sawing timber for Powder Mill bridge,	3 00	
Thos. McCarthy, for covering stones,	40 70	
C. A. Harrington, 30 feet drain pipe,	7 92	
E. Jones & Co., lumber and nails,	15 23	
D. C. Harris, stone,	2 00	
		$2,510 41

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid W. F. Stevens, express,	$000 50	
" " "	35	
L. E. Reed, court fees,	6 79	
D. J. Wetherbee, insurance on library,	75 00	
Geo. W. Woodman, land in Centre,	250 00	
Geo. Tyler & Co., sections and bolts for scraper,	8 50	
J. C. Symonds, road scraper,	225 00	
James Kingsley, use of road,	8 00	
H. A. Littlefield, express,	25	
" " freight on scraper,	4 50	
Wm. Craig, court fees in Whitney case,	3 75	
" " " " Randall case,	2 35	

H.C.Sherwin,court fees in Foley case,	3 60
E. A. Phalen " Robbins case,	3 60
F. W. Reed, " Whitney case,	7 15
" " " Tuttle case,	5 20
" " " Randall case,	5 45
" " " Harris case,	5 90
" " Harris & Doyle case,	10 60
O.L. Newcomb,repairing town pump,	1 25
" " " " clock,	1 25
Isaac Davis Post, Memorial day,	75 00
S. S. Reilley, three dies,	6 00
Cotton & Gould, repairing and binding record books,	7 75
W. H. Lawrence, fixing scraper,	8 65
Wm. Kingsley, watching fires,	16 50
Eugene Johnson, watching fire,	1 25
William Moore, " "	1 25
O. L. Newcomb, " "	1 25
Carlton, Taylor, " "	1 25
Joe Flint, " "	1 25
——— Ordway, " "	1 25
Marvin Kelley, " "	1 25
E. A. Phalen, summoning person to take oath of office,	1 75
E. A. Phalen, service as constable at North Acton,	2 00
Manning & Leighton, one table for North school,	4 75
Milford Mutual Insurance Co., assessment on policy No. 9,183 on Library,	16 50
Waldo Bros., one plow,	20 00

F. D. Weld, 114 feet ladders,	18 24
E. F. Richardson, service as cattle commissioner in Wheeler case,	5 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, express charges,	4 96
" " postage,	2 92
" " stationery,	1 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, collecting and recording 42 births,	21 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, recording and indexing 43 deaths,	6 30
Wm. D. Tuttle, recording and indexing 27 marriages,	4 05
Wm. D. Tuttle, dog license blanks,	65
Wm. D. Tuttle, meeting selectmen about Gates road,	1 50
Wm. D. Tuttle, surveying and laying out road in Centre,	5 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, boxing ballot box and express,	1 00
O. E. Houghton, painting ladders at Centre,	2 75
N. E. Bean, repairing ladders at Centre,	2 50
D. H. Farrar, repairing ladders at East,	4 50
D. H. Farrar, painting ladders at East,	6 00
H. T. Clark, painting ladders at West,	4 60
" " repairing " "	6 75
" " rope and labor on same,	4 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 1 table for Town hall,	2 50
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 2 gallons paint for ladders at Centre,	2 50

Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 6 ladder hooks,	3 00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 6 wrenches,	2 04
" " " 3 oilers,	1 42
" " " emery paper,	14
E. Jones & Co., 10,660 lbs. coal for Town hall,	34 09
E. Jones & Co., lumber for shelves for school supplies,	8 18
C. L. Bradford, moving school furniture,	6 25
C. L. Bradford, labor on same,	6 15
C. L. Bradford, express,	30
C. L. Bradford, fumigating N. Jacobson's house (scarlet fever),	2 00
C. L. Bradford, attending registrars' meeting,	75
Anson Piper, moving school property,	1 00
Samuel Jones, Jr., moving school furniture,	3 50
C. J. Williams, postage,	4 46
C. J. Williams, telephone,	60
Phineas Wetherbee, arranging poll tax list,	5 00
Phineas Wetherbee, invoice and collector's book,	1 35
Phineas Wetherbee, stationery, postage and express,	1 50
Groom & Co., binding record book,	4 75
R. S. Robson, repairing ballot box,	4 00
M. E. Taylor & Co., 7 dozen pails,	22 55
" " " 8 pails,	1 20
" " " 16 pails,	1 60

Fitchburg R.R.Co., freight on truck,	3	50
" " " ladders,		25
" " " hose,	3	25
" " " engine,	10	85
W. F. Stevens, abatement on taxes, 1893,	1,019	03
C. A. Hosmer, repairs on fire engine,	15	04
Joe Evans, " " "	1	00
W. F. Hale, " " "		80
Estate of J. E. Cutter, abatement on taxes, 1891 and 1892,	21	76
C. W. Pitman, care of Town hall,	67	10
" " " " clock,	16	25
" " repairing flag,	8	30
W. S. Warren, express,		55
G. V. Bowen, express and postage,	3	05
Waldo Littlefield, repairing scraper,	1	00
L. V. Clough, temporary aid for N. Jacobson,	3	00
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, 1 kettle, sulphur and acid,		83
J. K. W. Wetherbee, postage,	1	71
" " 2 check books,	2	00
" " stationery,		45
Dr. J. E. Marsh, 9 returns of births,	2	25
C. H. Clark, straps for trucks,	3	10
" " pair straps for hearse,	1	50
I. F. Duran, superintendent of burials 34 interments,	102	00
I. F. Duran, making 28 returns,	7	00
Nathan Johnson, 1 lamp and fixture for Town farm,	4	25
Nathan Johnson, repairing flag,		30

Spofford Robbins, putting up voting stalls,		2 39	
Dr. I. Hutchins, reporting 8 births, 1893,		2 00	
E. F. Conant, postage and express,		2 64	
Moses A. Reed, spiking trees,		15 25	
M. E. Taylor & Co., —			
63 gal. oil for Town hall,		5 57	
1 shovel	" "	37	
zinc	" "	85	
glass	" "	80	
chimneys	" "	1 50	
2 brackets	" "	50	
dust pan	" "	10	
broom	" "	35	
4 lamp fount.	" "	40	
4 burners	" "	50	
pitcher	" "	37	
wicks	" "	16	
doz. pencils	" "	20	
putty	" "	12	
copperas	" "	12	
bolt	" "	10	
			$2,354 60

PRINTING.

Paid Enterprise Printing Co., warrants and reports,	$77 75	
Enterprise Printing Co., advertising,	2 00	
Enterprise Printing Co., warrants for June and November,	4 50	
Enterprise Printing Co., registrars' notices,	3 50	
Augustus Hosmer, orders and notices,	3 15	

Thomas Todd, notices for Nagog,	1 75	
Campbell & Hanscom, poll tax list,	8 50	
		$101 15

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid Nathan Johnson, labor in Woodlawn,	$103 48	
Nathan Johnson, labor in North,	5 00	
Estate of L. U. Holt, repairing pump in Woodlawn,	3 50	
L. W. Stevens, labor in Mt. Hope,	121 55	
E. Hall & Son, 480 feet chestnut for posts in Mt. Hope,	13 00	
C. H. Mead & Co., wire and staples for fence in Mt. Hope,	12 49	
C. B. Stone, making deeds for lots in Mt. Hope,	10 00	
Horace F. Tuttle, making plan of Mt. Hope,	13 95	
Horace F. Tuttle, surveying lots in Mt. Hope,	3 00	
John Fletcher, labor in Woodlawn,	5 50	
		$291 47

STATE AID.

Paid W. B. Ball, chap. 279, acts 1889, 55 3-4 weeks' board,					$196 50
Allen G. Smith,	"	"	13 months,		65 00
Addison B. Wheeler, chap. 279, acts 1889, 13 months,					65 00
Mary J. Brown,	chap. 301. acts 1889, 13 months,				26 00
Emma F. Blood,	"	"	13	"	52 00
Richard G. Dane,	"	"	13	"	65 00
Achsa Hanscom,	"	"	13	"	52 00
Aaron C. Handley.	"	"	13	"	78 00
Louisa Hobart,	"	"	2	"	8 00
Almira H. Loker,	"	"	3	"	12 00

Eliza J. Shattuck,	chap. 301,	acts 1889,	13	months,	52 00
Luke Smith,	"	"	13	"	52 00
Mary Smith,	"	"	13	"	52 00
Rebecca C. Wright,	"	"	13	"	52 00
Susan B. Winn,	"	"	13	"	52 00
Phœbe F. Wood,	"	"	13	"	52 00
					$931 50

STREET LAMPS.

Paid Henry Barker (2),	$5 20
G. V. Bowen,	2 60
L. C. Baldwin,	2 60
E. I. Banks,	2 60
L. V. Clough (2),	5 20
O. L. Dart,	2 60
I. F. Durren,	2 60
A. J. Fletcher,	2 60
J. P. Fletcher,	2 60
L. A. Hesselton,	2 60
L. S. Hosmer,	2 60
H. J. Hapgood,	2 60
F. J. Hastings & Co.,	2 60
F. A. Houston,	2 60
A. H. Jones,	2 60
Elnathan Jones,	2 60
W. H. Jones,	2 60
Mrs. M. E. Lothrope,	2 60
Frank Merriam,	2 60
A. Merriam,	5 20
A. C. Piper,	2 60
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee (2),	5 20
Edwin Tarbell,	2 60
F. Z. Taylor,	2 60
G. W. Worster,	2 60

Acton Centre Improvement Society (51),	132 60	
West Acton Street Lighting Association (36),	93 60	
		$301 60

BREAKING OUT ROADS.

Paid Aaron Allard,	$11 10	
C. L. Bradford,	1 25	
Abel Cole,	25 40	
E. H. Cutler,	4 20	
J. E. Durkee,	11 95	
C. L. Davis,	14 20	
N. Davidson,	4 40	
H. A. Gould,	129 97	
M. Harmon,	1 20	
W. H. Hartwell,	27 70	
W. H. Jones,	2 00	
A. H. Jones,	5 23	
W. S. Jones,	8 50	
O. A. Knowlton,	10 00	
Wm. Kingsley,	10 63	
N. Littlefield,	22 13	
Thos. McCarthy,	13 05	
Jerry McCarthy,	56 50	
C. O. Neil,	6 80	
A. C. Piper,	96 75	
W. C. Robbins,	180 85	
John Rouillard,	3 75	
H. F. Robbins,	1 20	
C. Shirland,	3 95	
A. L. Tuttle,	14 55	
Luke Tuttle,	39 90	
F. H. Whitcomb,	7 00	
		$714 16

EXPENSES ON TURNPIKE ROAD AS ORDERED BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Paid H. A. Gould, work,	$308	80	
Wm. Kingsley, work,	211	82	
Nahum Littlefield,	474	12	
S. A. Guilford, blacksmith bill,	4	76	
W. F. Hale, " "	7	00	
Isaac Reed, 97 loads gravel,	4	85	
V. F. Gardner, 256 loads of gravel,	12	80	
H. T. Clark, plow beam,	2	50	
C. H. Mead & Co., 3 plow points,	1	62	
			$1,028 27

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS.

Paid W. S. Jones, scholars from southeast,					$120 00
Thomas Scanlon for 1 scholar to High school,					12 00
J. R. Bassett,	1	"	"		14 00
Mrs. Kate Varney,	1	"	"		18 00
John Maynes,	1	"	"		18 00
C. I. Miller,	3	"	"		54 00
Luther Conant,	1	"	"		12 00
E. F. Conant,	1	"	"		12 00
Emery Taylor,	2	"	"		24 00
Charles Edwards,	1	"	"		12 00
Robert Wayne,	1	"	"		12 00
L. C. Taylor,	1	"	"		12 00
F. P. Wood,	1	"	"		12 00
A. M. Knowlton,	1	"	"		12 00
S. H. Taylor,	1	"	"		14 00
D. J. Wetherbee,	1	"	"		14 00
J. W. Parsons,	1	"	"	1 term,	9 00
					$381 00

FIRE APPARATUS AND BUILDINGS.

Paid Ayer Fire Deportment, truck and ladders,	$100 00	
Samuel Jones, Jr., building 3 truck houses,	312 00	
Samuel Jones, Jr., lumber and labor (extra),	4 79	
Samuel Jones, Jr., building 1 house,	112 00	
S. F. Hayward & Co., 3 engines,	450 00	
S. F. Hayward & Co., 20 feet 4-inch suction hose for South Acton,	39 00	
S. F. Hayward & Co., 200 feet 2 1-2 inch cotton rubber-lined hose,	60 00	
S. F. Hayward & Co., 20 feet suction hose,	20 80	
S. F. Hayward & Co., 1 strainer,	1 50	
S. F. Hayward & Co., 100 feet unlined linen hose,	16 00	
S. F. Hayward & Co., 20 feet suction hose,	20 80	
S. F. Hayward & Co., 1 nozzle,	7 20	
D. H. Farrar, 3 ladder trucks,	197 00	
Francis Jones, painting four truck houses,	21 88	
		$1,362 97

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edward Dixon, supt. of schools,	$390 00	
C. J. Williams, school committee,	64 68	
H. F. Tuttle, " "	15 00	
C. L. Bradford, " "	22 50	
Dr. I. Hutchins, " "	10 00	

Estate of James Fletcher, school committee,	9 00
William D. Tuttle, registrar,	15 00
Samuel Guilford, "	12 00
Julian Tuttle, "	12 00
J. R. Lawrence, "	12 00
Smith Finney, special police July 4,	2 50
Roswell Tuttle, " "	2 50
Fred Reed, " "	2 50
Moses Reed, " "	2 50
Ed. A. Phalen, " "	2 50
Chas. Pitman, " "	2 50
Phineas Wetherbee, assessor,	50 00
James B. Tuttle, "	26 25
Anson C. Piper, "	26 00
T. F. Newton, election officer,	3 00
H. J. Hapgood, " "	3 00
Jas. McGreen, " "	3 00
Abram Tuttle, " "	3 00
L. C. Taylor, " "	3 00
H. F. Tuttle, " "	3 00
D. J. Wetherbee, " "	3 00
E. A. Phalen, " "	3 00
H. A. Littlefield, " "	3 00
C. H. Mead, " "	3 00
C. B. Stone, " "	3 00
Wm. Kelley, " "	3 00
G. E. Holton, " "	1 00
Phineas Wetherbee, election officer,	1 00
Fred S. Whitcomb, " "	1 00
D. J. Wetherbee, auditor,	5 00
H. J. Hapgood, "	5 00
Wm. D. Tuttle, clerk,	30 00

J. K. W. Wetherbee, treasurer,	75 00	
G. V. Bowen, selectman,	85 00	
E. F. Conant, "	85 00	
H. A. Littlefield, " 4 months,	16 67	
Estate of J. E. Cutter, for salrry of collector in 1892,	80 00	
		$1,100 10

LOANS PAID.

Paid Percis V. Hapgood, interest on $500 note 1 year,	$25 00	
Frank H. Jones, interest on $600 note 1 year,	30 00	
John A. Bowen, interest on $1000 note 1 year,	50 00	
Estate of Wm. Davis, interest on $350 note 1 year,	17 50	
Estate of Wm. Davis, interest on $1000 note 1 year,	50 00	
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, interest on $1500 note 1 year,	75 00	
Varnum Tuttle, interest on $700 note 1 year,	35 00	
Varnum Tuttle, interest on $540 note 1 year,	27 00	
Mrs. W. W. Davis, interest on $100 cemetery fund,	5 00	
John A. Bowen; $3,000 note and interest from July 17 to Nov. 17,	3,060 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, $324.74 note and interest from July 17 to Oct. 30,	330 85	

Patch Bros., $500 note and interest from June 22 to Nov. 7,	509 38	
		$4,214 73

RECEIPTS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance due from treasurer Feb. 26, 1893,	$2,827 59
Balance due from collector Feb. 26, 1893,	1,009 50
Appropriation for town charges,	6,500 00
" schools,	4,400 00
" school supplies,	450 00
" supt. of schools,	400 00
" Memorial library,	550 00
" highways,	2,700 00
" transportation school children,	200 00
" breaking out roads,	1,000 00
" State tax,	1,625 00
" county tax,	1,326 91
" overlayings,	552 75
Received from State treasurer,—	
Burial of State pauper,	15 00
Support of State pauper,	10 75
Corporation tax,	519 69
National Bank tax,	314 72
Military aid,	133 25
State aid,	558 00
Income Mass. school fund,	233 54
Received from County treasurer, dog tax,	243 08
" C. H. Clark, on acct. of supervision of schools,	315 28

Received from	Money overdrawn on street lamps 1892,	4 00
"	Library fines,	14 38
"	Nathan Johnson, old hearse wheels,	10 00
"	Nathan Johnson, hay in Woodlawn cemetry,	10 00
"	Isaac Ford, old road scraper,	20 00
"	L. W. Stevens, lots sold in Mt. Hope cemetery,	22 00
"	John Fletcher, lots sold in Woodlawn cemetery,	22 00
"	C. J. Williams, school supplies,	20
"	Estate of James Fletcher, cash overdrawn on school supplies 1982,	40 93
"	C. J. Williams, cash for damage to furniture in East school,	1 00
"	Town of Boxboro, tuition of Alice P. Willard,	16 00
"	C. W. Pitman, for rent of Town hall and basement,	102 25
Received from borrowed money,—		
	Wm. D. Tuttle,	550 00
	Frank H. Jones,	700 00
	B. H. & O. K. Patch,	500 00

Young People's Christian Union (South Acton),	100 00	
John A. Bowen,	3,000 00	
Estate of Wm. Davis,	28 00	
J. K. W. Wetherbee, temporary loan,	324 74	
Received from interest on money in bank,	89 29	
		$31,439 85

EXPENDITURES.

For support of Centre school,	$601 09	
" South "	855 27	
" East "	426 10	
" West "	879 73	
" North "	413 54	
" Southeast "	113 50	
" High "	1,284 03	
School supplies,	502 45	
Bills unpaid Feb. 26, 1893,	1,213 22	
Miscellaneous,	2,420 86	
State and military aid,	931 50	
Poor,	1,407 38	
Cemetery expenses,	291 47	
Memorial library,	517 30	
Roads ordered by county commissioners,	1,028 27	
Roads and bridges,	2,510 41	
Repairs on town buildings and grounds,	873 30	
Town officers,	1,100 10	
Loans and interest,	4,214 73	
Printing,	101 15	

Fire apparatus and buildings,	1,362 97	
Breaking out roads,	714 16	
Transportation of scholars,	381 00	
Street lamps,	301 60	
State tax,	1,625 00	
County tax,	1,326 91	
		$27,397 04
Balance due from W. F. Stevens, taxes in 1893,		1,197 87
Balance due from J. K. W. Wetherbee, treasurer,		2,844 94
		$31,439 85

TOWN DEBT.

Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, note,	$1,500 00
Interest on same from June 20, 1893, to March 12, 1894,	54 58
Estate of Wm. Davis, note,	1,028 00
Interest on same from October 18, 1893, to March 12, 1894,	20 56
John A. Bowen, note,	1,000 00
Interest on same from June 6, 1893, to March 12, 1894,	38 33
Frank H. Jones, note,	600 00
Interest on same from April 27, 1893, to March 12, 1894,	26 25
Frank H. Jones, note,	700 00
Interest on same from June 15, 1893, to March 12, 1894,	25 96
Varnum Tuttle, note,	700 00
Interest on same from April 17, 1893, to March 12, 1894,	31 59
Varnum Tuttle, note,	540 00
Interest on same from July 14, 1893, to March 12, 1894,	17 85

Percis V. Hapgood, note,	500 00	
Interest on same from June 1, 1893, to March 12, 1894,	19 50	
Estate of mW. Davis, note,	350 00	
Interest on same from May 12, 1893, to March 12, 1894,	14 58	
Wm. D. Tuttle, note,	550 00	
Interest on same from June 8, 1893, to March 12, 1894,	20 93	
Young People's Christian Union (So. Acton) note,	100 00	
Interest on same from June 30, 1893, to March 12, 1894,	3 50	
		$7,841 63
Less amount due from collector and treasurer,		4,042 81
Balance against the town March 12, 1894,		$3,798 82

GUSTAVUS V. BOWEN,
E. F. CONANT,
Selectmen of Acton.

ACTON, March 15, 1894.

We have examined the accounts of the selectmen and find them correct.

HIRAM J. HAPGOOD,
DANIEL J. WETHERBEE,
Auditors of the Town of Acton.

List of Jurors.

The following is a list of persons to serve as Jurors for the ensuing year, as revised by the selectmen of Acton, to be submitted to said town at the April meeting:

Luther Conant,	Daniel H. Farrar,
Francis Hosmer,	James P. Brown,
Frank H. Whitcomb,	Chas. S. Twitchell,
Geo. B. Parker,	Chas. J. Holton,
James Kingsley,	Thomas F. Noyes,
John C. Keyes,	Luke J. Robbins,
Norman A. Davidson,	Lyman C. Taylor,
Joseph A. Whitcomb,	D. J. Wetherbee,
Geo. R. Keyes,	Samuel Jones, Jr.,
Hanson A. Littlefield,	John Temple,
Job W. Dupee,	David C. Harris,
Geo. W. Worster,	W. F. Stevens,
S. Hammond Taylor,	F. J. Hastings.

GUSTAVUS V. BOWEN,
E. F. CONANT,
Selectmen of Acton.

Acton, March 16, 1894.

Report of Receipts and Expenditures at the Almshouse in Acton,

For the Year Ending February 29. 1894.

ARTICLES ON HAND FEB. 28, 1894.

12 cows,	$480 00
175 flour barrels, at 18 cents,	31 50
Grain,	15 00
6 ladders,	9 00
4 plows,	20 00
2 cultivators,	3 00
Hay cutter,	2 00
12 tons hay,	240 00
Oat fodder,	2 00
Bone meal,	35
Salt,	30
Express wagon,	65 00
Horse rake,	15 00
Hay wagon,	18 00
Horse cart,	18 00
Stone drag,	4 00
Harrow,	2 00
Other farming tools,	22 00
1 horse,	75 00
Lumber,	10 00
Pung,	8 00
Express harness,	32 00
Light harness,	10 00

Mowing machine,	2 00	
15 bushels potatoes,	8 00	
2 one-horse sleds,	15 00	
Tubs and pails,	45	
Horse blanket,	1 50	
Light wagon,	25 00	
31 market boxes,	3 10	
Wheelbarrow,	2 00	
Canvas cover,	2 50	
Barbed wire,	2 00	
14 cords wood,	56 00	
3 wood saws,	2 00	
Oil tank,	1 00	
Tin pails,	1 00	
64 hens,	32 00	
Flour,	4 50	
Sugar,	15	
Eggs,	44	
Spices,	40	
Extract,	30	
25 pounds dried apples,	2 00	
Cooking range,	35 00	
Beef,	1 68	
Beans,	24	
Tea and coffee,	67	
Soap,	3 25	
Canned fruit,	5 00	
Fruit jars,	2 50	
		$1,291 83

RECEIPTS FROM THE TOWN FARM FROM MARCH 1, 1893, TO MARCH 1, 1894.

Received for apples,	$204 13

Received for bull,		16 00	
"	birch poles,	34 02	
"	cows,	52 00	
"	calves,	17 75	
"	eggs,	49 84	
"	labor,	4 90	
"	milk,	836 52	
"	old junk,	32	
"	potatoes,	5 08	
"	soap,	27	
"	wood,	58 05	
			$1,278 88

EXPENDITURES AT THE TOWN FARM FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1894.

Axes and handles,	$ 2 45
Boxes,	1 97
Butter,	31 93
Beans,	5 06
Blacksmith's bill,	26 98
Beef,	64 17
Brooms and brushes,	2 14
Coal,	6 43
Canvas cover,	2 50
Cabbage,	18
Cheese,	2 37
Cooking range,	35 00
Castings,	1 33
Cloth and clothing,	9 86
Crackers,	36 10
Coffee,	5 65
Curtains,	60
Cows,	299 00

Canned goods,	30
Collar pad,	50
Cream tartar,	81
Dr. Sanders' bill,	2 50
Extracts,	90
Farming tools,	15 84
Fly paper,	42
Flour,	29 10
Fish,	3 57
Globes and chimneys,	1 42
Glass,	33
Grass seed,	3 41
Grain,	420 94
Harness,	12 50
Horse blanket,	1 85
Hardware,	3 74
Kerosene oil,	4 70
Lumber,	24
Lard and cottolene,	14 77
Lemons,	41
Labor,	82 75
Molasses,	90
Medicine,	1 37
Matches,	61
Mop handle,	15
Nails,	1 94
Netting,	74
Onions,	15
Potatoes,	2 03
Paint and oil,	10 36
Printers' ink,	1 44
Phosphate,	14 38
Paper,	13

Paris green,	36
Pasturing cattle,	12 88
Repairs on harness,	2 55
Rolled oats,	6 06
Rope,	28
Raisins,	1 34
Sawing lumber,	50
Services of A. S. Bradley and wife for March,	29 17
Services of E. J. Ordway and wife 11 months,	320 84
Services of L. C. Taylor,	50 00
" J. B. Tuttle,	15 00
" E. C. Parker,	6 00
Spices,	1 80
Soda,	74
Sugar,	33 40
Starch,	6
Slippers,	25
Soap,	11 77
Salt,	60
Scraps,	2 00
Tea,	14 18
Tar paper,	1 37
Tubs and pails,	1 48
Tomato plants,	25
Tin ware,	1 55
Use of bull,	2 00
Use of pump,	1 00
Vinegar,	60
Wicks,	7
Wheelwright's bill,	2 50
W. B. Holt, for repairs,	4 45

Yeast,	94	
Expenditures,		$1,694 91
Receipts,		1,278 88
Income less than expense,		$416 03
Due from treasury to balance account,	$416 03	
Interest on town farm, $3500, at 5 pr. cent.,	175 00	
		$591 03
Victualing and lodging 872 tramps, at 25 cents each,		218 00
Cost of supporting poor on farm,		$373 03
Whole number of persons, exclusive of tramps, supported at almshouse,		3
Average number,		3
Present number,		3

LYMAN C. TAYLOR,
JAMES B. TUTTLE,
EDWIN C. PARKER,
Overseers of Poor.

We have examined the above accounts of the Overseers of the Poor and find them correct.

H. J. HAPGOOD,
D. J. WETHERBEE,
Auditors.

Town Clerk's Report for 1893.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN ACTON IN 1893.

No.	Date of Birth. 1893.	Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
1.	Jan. 7.	Frederick Dana Jones.	Fred G. and Mary A. Jones.
2.	Jan. 24.	Edward Moen.	Frank and Margaret E. Moen.
3.	Feb. 3.	Merrill Elbridge Wheeler.	Elbridge L. and Florence I. Wheeler.
4.	Feb. 15.	Ruth Gertrude Knowlton.	Frank R. and Emma S. Knowlton.
5.	Feb. 22.	Robert Stuart Christie.	Samuel A. and Ida E. Christie.
6.	Mar. 29.	Walter Fred Gilmore.	Fred W. and Della Gilmore.
7.	April 6.	Isaiah McLaughlin.	James W. and Delila McLaughlin.
8.	April 19.	Martha Lizzie McDonald.	John and Mary McDonald.
9.	April 20.	Harold Asaph Merriam.	Frank A. and Bertha M. Merriam.
10.	April 21.	Mary Jacobson.	Simon and Rosa Jacobson.
11.	April 23.	Arthur Tuttle Goding.	James A. and Clara L. Goding.
12.	April 28.	David Russell Kinsley.	James and Annie Kinsley.
13.	April 28.	Burton Hart Hoar.	John S. and Minnie Hoar.

14. May 1. Ernest Edward Allsop. Arthur E. and Eva Allsop.
15. May 13. Kenith Fay Reed. Lorenzo E. and Emma A. Reed.
16. May 17. Chester Cleveland Brooks. Fredson P. and Mattie M. Brooks.
17. May 21. Bertram Stanley Barber. Giles A. and Maggie Barber.
18. May 31. Genevieve Frances Davis. Wilber Grove and Annie E. Davis.
19. June 13. Mary Frances McGreevey John and Mary McGreevey.
20. June 14. Elsie Bryant. Delmer F. and Carrie M. Bryant.
21. June 15. Lucilla Moore. William J. and Mary A. Moore.
22. June 15. Ralph Edward Gates. Hiram E. and Etta A. Gates.
23. June 17. Mary Whitman. John W. and Bessie Whitman.
24. June 18. Elizabeth Harrington Bessey. William N. and Gertrude Sylvester Bessey.
25. June 26. Howard Lyman Whitcomb. Fred J. and Mary E. Whitcomb.
26. June 30. Rosa Jackman. ——— Jane Jackman.
27. July 1. Harry Leslie Woodward. Edwin P. and Velma A. Woodward.
28. July 14 A son to Daniel E. and Susie Feeney.
29. Aug. 7. Milton Everett Austin. Byron W. and Hattie Belle Austin.
30-31. Aug. 12. Everline Knowlton, Everlyn Knowlton } Frank B. and Nellie F. Knowlton.

32.	Aug.	20.	Helen Eliza Fairbanks. Charles H. and Nellie L. Fairbanks.
33.	Sept.	11.	Emma Genneva Gill. James and Geneva Gill.
34.	Sept.	18.	Mabel Florence Worden. Martin H. and Lizzie M. Worden.
35.	Sept.	24.	Ernest Linscott Hall. Ephraim L. and Lucy F. Hall.
36.	Oct.	8.	Lena Elizabeth Glazier. Thomas Henry and Emma Glazier.
37.	Oct.	27.	Annie Rosa Stroevonevecz. Frank and Agnes Stroevonevecz.
38.	Nov.	1.	Florence Gough. John E. and Margaret Gough.
39.	Nov.	25.	A son to James and Catherine Devane.
40.	Nov.	29.	Earl Gardner Brooks. Roy Gardner and Libby Lorraine Brooks.
41.	Dec.	5.	Lena May Ordway. Joel E. and Emma J. Ordway.
42.	Dec.	14.	William George Ryan. Michael J. and Rose F. Ryan.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1893.

Date and Place of Marriage. 1893.			Names and Residence of Parties.
1.	Jan.	30.	Arthur E. Allsop of Acton.
	At Acton.		Eva May Penniman of Acton.
2.	Mar.	8.	Elwin C. Wheeler of Hubbardston.
	At Acton.		Carrie N. Grimes of Hubbardston.
3.	Mar.	9.	Lyman R. Tuttle of North Heath.
	At Acton.		Isador Willis of West Acton.
4.	Mar.	30.	Warren H. Carter of Franklin, N. H.
	At Acton.		Maggie F. McLeod of West Acton.

5. Mar. 27.	James A. Grimes of Acton.
At Acton.	Annie F. Haley of Acton.
6. April 23.	Joseph A. Flint of Acton.
At Acton.	Sarah Elizabeth Stone of Acton.
7. June 1.	George G. Russell of Concord.
At Acton.	Susan A. Wetherbee of Acton.
8. June 1.	George Herman Tuttle of Cambridge.
At Acton.	Idella Josephine Barker of South Acton.
9. June 3.	Leonard F. Leavitt of Charlestown.
At Acton.	Alice M. Sawyer of South Acton.
10. June 7.	Herbert F. Robbins of Acton.
At Ashland.	Bessie E. Foote of Acton.
11. June 24.	Albert Rickerby of South Acton.
At ———	Jennie Parker of Nova Scotia.
12. June 25.	Jeremiah R. Ingham of Concord.
At Concord.	M. Ella Sibley of South Acton.
13. June 29.	Ora L. Clough of South Acton.
At So. Acton.	Myrtilla Richardson of South Acton.
14. July 25.	Joseph M. Ryan of Concord.
At Cambridge.	Rose F. Rodway of East Acton.
15. Aug. 4.	Manoel Miller of Cambridge.
At Acton.	Mary Pauline King of South Acton.
16. Aug. 6.	Waldo H Miner of South Acton.
At Ayer.	Caliste E. Farmer of Shirley.
17. Aug. 12.	Walter Welch of South Acton.
At Acton.	Laura M. Horton of South Acton.
18. Aug. 28.	Amherst F. Durkee of West Acton.
At Maynard.	Minnie B. Haire of Maynard.
19. Sept. 6.	Luther H. Bateman of Harvard.
At Acton.	Mary Ann Hammond of Acton.
20. Sept. 18.	Albert H. Perkins of West Acton.
At Boxboro.	Ella B. Patterson of West Acton.
21. Oct. 3.	Milledge Osborn Baker of Atlanta, Ga.

At W. Acton.		Fannie Marcella Houghton of West Acton.
22.	Oct. 4.	David L. Ball of Concord.
At W. Acton.		Vernie G. Whitcomb of West Acton.
23.	Oct. 19.	Eugene L. Hall of West Acton.
At W. Acton.		Isabelle H. Bent of West Acton.
24.	Oct. 23.	Lewis Leveronia of West Acton.
At Concord.		Ellen C. Coughlin of West Acton.
25.	Oct. 24.	Fred F. Robbins of East Acton.
At E. Acton.		Lucy M. Davis of East Acton.
26.	Nov. 30.	Harry P. Barteaux of West Acton.
At W. Acton.		Minnie M. Littlefield of West Acton.
27.	Dec. 25.	Herbert E. Willis of South Acton.
At So. Acton.		Evelyn Blanche Fletcher of South Acton.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN ACTON IN 1893.

No.	Date of Death. 1892.	Names of Persons Deceased.	Age— Yrs.	Mos.	Ds.
1.	Jan. 9.	Whitney E. Stowell,	72	4	4
2.	Jan. 19.	Enoch Hall,	82	11	19
3.	Jan. 25.	William A. Thompson,	4	—	27
4.	Feb. 19.	Joseph Truette,	58	5	7
5.	Mar. 4.	Leslie D. Spinney,	—	2	5
6.	Mar. 9.	George Hagar,	77	11	9
7.	Mar. 25.	Andrew Lawrence,	81	11	—
8.	Mar. 28.	Rev. James Fletcher,	69	6	23
9.	Mar. 29.	Samuel A. Dorrison,	75	4	8
10.	Mar. 29.	Jason W. Livermore,	87	—	15
11.	April 10.	Leslie P. Richardson,	—	9	11
12.	April 27.	James Hill,	—	6	27
13.	June 25.	James B. Smith,	71	5	28
14.	July 14.	Son of Daniel E. Feeney,	—	—	4
15.	Aug. 2.	Asaph Parlin,	81	9	15
16.	Aug. 29.	Lucy A. Flagg,	59	7	6

17.	Sept.	1.	Eugene G. Kraetzer,	44	3	9
18.	Oct.	5.	Sally M. Johnson,	46	11	—
19.	Oct.	12.	Jane Jackman,	50	—	—
20.	Oct.	19.	Arthur Jackman,	55	—	—
21.	Oct.	21.	John McCarthy,	81	—	—
22.	Nov.	28.	A son of James Devane,	—	—	3
23.	Dec.	30.	James C. Graham,	84	8	15
24.	Dec.	17.	Lena May Ordway,	—	—	12
25.	Dec.	23.	John E. Cutter,	68	8	8
26.	June	19.	Arthur E. Mead,	24	—	—

PERSONS BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL.

No.	Date of Death. 1893.		Names of Deceased.	Age— Yrs.	Mos.	Ds.
1.	Feb.	28.	Eliza A. Whitcomb of Boston,	76	10	4
2.	Feb.	7.	Abner Hosmer of Lawrence,	80	7	—
3.	April	25.	Susan Simmons of Boston,	72	4	—
4.	May	29.	Abbie L. Chapman of Everett,	37	5	13
5.	Aug.	24.	Granvile Rouillard of Malden,	39	2	18
6.	Aug.	27.	Moses A Noyes of Newton,	72	2	2
7.	Oct.	10.	Charlotte F. Heustis of Hyde Park,	64	8	8
8.	Oct.	13.	Frank P. Whitcomb of Ayer,	35	8	23
9.	Mar.	1.	H. B. Sherman of Providence, R.I.,	2	3	7
10.	July	31.	W. Ashley Coster of Quincy,	—	6	18
11.	Oct.	25.	James Libby of Stow,	85	—	—
12.	Oct.	27.	William Wheeler of Maynard,	84	5	12
13.	Nov.	15.	Ruth Pike of Hudson,	84	10	15
14.	Nov.	16.	Lewis Rouillard of Littleton,	79	—	21
15.	Nov.	4.	Otis H. Penniman of Concord,	74	3	13
16.	Nov.	30.	Susan White of Lewiston, Me.,	82	8	—
17.	April	—.	Rev. Wm. K. Davy of Amesbury,	—	—	—

NAMES OF PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1893.

Luther R. Forbush, 2
Frank L. Stiles, female
Mildred E. Handley
Henry L. Livermore
Joseph L. Brown, female
Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee
Elnathan Jones
John Davis
E. Eddie Fletcher
J. F. Moore
Aaron J. Fletcher
H. W. Sawyer
John W. Randall
John H. Haniford
C. H. Mead & Co
Fred. W. Green
E. F. Shapley
A. L. Lawrence
A. H. Perkins
Aaron C. Handley
Howard E. Faulkner
Moses Taylor
John Grimes
Daniel H. Farrar
Wm. S. Jones
Wm. B. Manning, 2
Frank J. Taylor
S. A. Allard
L. W. Pratt
Geo. W. Tuttle
F. P. Brooks,
Charles A. Hodges
Charles Morris
Calvin S. Simonds, female
John F. Coughlin
James P. Brown
John Temple
Wm. B. Holt
Norman A. Davidson, female
Otis H. Forbush
Lyman Tuttle
Frank W. Bulette
Charles Barker
Fred H. Lewis
Sidney E. Gray
Chas. F. Shirland
Geo. A. Hayward
A. L. Lawrence, female
Luke Tuttle, 2
W. W. Philbrick
Wm. F. Stevens
Lucius S. Hosmer
D. H. Brown
Solon A. Robbins
J. H. Standish
Chas. S. Moulton
Chauncy B. Robbins, 2
Francis Pratt, 2
M. E. Taylor
Samuel Jones, Jr
Geo. H. Brooks
Daniel Tuttle

C. B. Sanders	Geo. W. Worster
Abel Cole	Ralph Crooker
Charles H. Wheeler	Charles Wheeler
William Jennings	Lyman C. Taylor
Warren H. Jones	R. G. Brooks
Abel Farrar, female	Wilber G. Davis
Martin Baker	Almon H. Gilmore
Hattie S. White	Faulkner estate
Henry Hanson	Geo. A. Conant
A. L. Tuttle	George Conant
R. A. Desseaux	Luther Conant
H. M. Smith	W. C. Robbins, 2
Forbush & Hartwell	Mrs. C. Varney
John Kelley	David C. Harris
J. E. Durkee	May L. Calder
A. A. Wyman	Geo. A. Smith
Frank R. Houghton	F. R. Houghton, female
J. R. Bassett	S. H. Taylor
Frank Stroevonevecz	Dan J. Gallagher
John McGreevey	Fred G. Jones
Freeman Robbins	H. A. Littlefield
John Fahey	Adelbert Mead
A. Risso	Sidney L. Richardson
C. B. Stone	F. S. Whitcomb
A. C. Jenkins	Maurice Lane
Wm. J. Moore	B. M. Kimball & Son
A. Merriam	F. E. Penniman
Thomas Robinson	Henry Austin
Alex. Allen	Willie S. Fletcher
E. L. Hall	James Hussey
G. N. Hoit	Frank E. Harris
E. G. Kraetzer	O. A. Knowlton

Total number of dogs licensed, 132

Males 125 at $2.00	$250 00	
Females 7 at 5.00	35 00	
Total amount received from licenses in 1893,		$285 00

WILLIAM D. TUTTLE, *Town Clerk.*



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

ACTON

Memorial Library.



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Acton Memorial Library 1893-94.

The trustees of the Acton Memorial Library in accordance to custom hereby submit their fourth annual report. We are glad to be able to say that the interest in the institution shows no diminution, and feel assured that a permanent service of usefulness may be looked for.

The following summary will show the work and gains for the year ending March 12, 1894.

Total number of volumes in library,	5176
Increase during the year,	357
Increase by purchase,	330
Increase by gift,	27
Total number of persons who have taken out cards,	900
Money received from fines,	$12.83
Books taken out during the year,	8,102
Largest daily use, Feb. 17, 1894,	179 vols.
Smallest daily use, June 21, 1893,	22 vols.
Visitors registered during the year,	245

Of the new volumes, nearly 200 were purchased by the $150 given by Mr. Wilde.

List of periodicals regularly received at the Library:

Atlantic Monthly,
Century Magazine,
Cottage Hearth,
Harper's Magazine,
New England Magazine,
Scribner's Magazine,
Review of Reviews.
Cassell's Magazine,
Cosmopolitan Magazine,
Child's Hour,
Harper's Young People,
Our Sunday Afternoon,
St. Nicholas Magazine,

PERIODICALS DONATED.

Child's Hour, Cottage Hearth, and Our Sunday Afternoon, Wm. A. Wilde.

Our Paper, Massachusetts Reformatory.

Congressional Record, Chas. J. Williams.

Our Dumb Animals, Anon.

Royal Arcanum Guide, Anon.

Fifty-two numbers of The Churchman, Mrs. M. E. A. Williams.

INCREASE BY GIFT—BOOKS.

Secretary of State,	1
Bridgewater Normal School,	1
Ida A. Hale, Acton,	1
Dr. I. Hutchins, West Acton,	7
John Fletcher, Acton,	1
W. A. Wilde, Malden, Mass.,	5
D. C. Harris, North Acton,	2
Edwin P. Seaver, Boston,	1
Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C.,	1
Total,	27

Early in the year the president of the board of trustees placed in the trustees' room a hanging cabinet, for the safe keeping and exhibition of the many articles of interest belonging to the library.

The chief addition for the year to the beautiful works of art presented by the donor of the library, came in the form of a copy, by a noted artist, of Andrea del Sortos' famous painting of "The Holy Family." The figures are of nearly life-size and very expressive. The painting, done in oil colors, is enclosed in a massive oak frame, richly carved and gilded, and would adorn any public building or gallery of paintings in the country.

During the past year the pleasant circle of the board of trustees has been first broken by death. The Rev. James Fletcher, who has been a member of the board since its organization, passed away suddenly, March 28, 1893. Resolutions suitably acknowledging the interest and fidelity of the deceased, and our appreciation of his worth, were prepared by the secretary, Mr. Wm. D. Tuttle, and adopted by the unanimous vote of the board of trustees, and placed upon the records. Opportunity is here taken, in a more public manner, to renew our concurrence with the resolutions adopted.

We find by referring to past reports that about twelve hundred volumes have been added to the number in the library since its opening, either by gift or purchase,—an average of three hundred books a year. Most of these were new books of the class aptly described as current literature; the placing of this class of books in a library is like infusing new blood in our bodies; the whole system is toned up and invigorated. And in no other way can we expect to keep alive the interest of the patrons and beneficiaries of the institution. Your trustees would recommend the usual appropriation of four hundred dollars for current expenses, and one hundred and fifty dollars for the purchase of new books.

LUTHER CONANT, *for the Trustees.*

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. MIDDLESEX SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in the County of Middlesex, Greeting:

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Acton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble in the Town hall, in said town, on MONDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF APRIL, A. D. 1894, at nine o'clock A. M., then and there to act upon the following articles as they may think proper, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers and committees.

ART. 3. To see if the town will accept of the jury list as revised by the selectmen.

ART. 4. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money for the town, if necessary, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will direct the board of assessors to make for the school committee an accurate enumeration of the children in the town, between the ages of five and fifteen years.

ART. 6. To see if the town will vote to heat the Town hall by steam, or act anything thereon.

ART. 7. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes paid on or before November 1.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all taxes not paid on or before November 1, or act anything thereon.

ART. 9. To see if the town will reconsider the vote taken at their June meeting, whereby they voted not to accept of the road, from near the residence of J. C. Gates to the Leland Stevens road, as laid out by the selectmen, and vote to accept and build it.

ART. 10. To see if the town will accept the reports of the selectmen, overseers of the poor, school committee, and other town officers.

ART. 11. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of Memorial library for the ensuing year.

ART. 12. To see if the town will raise the sum of two hundred dollars to repair the road from the residence of Moses Taylor to the Turnpike road.

ART. 13. To see if the town will raise the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to repair the road leading from the residence of John Kelley to South Acton.

ART. 14. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of schools the present year, and how it shall be divided.

ART. 15. To see what amount of money the town will raise for school supplies the present year.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to diminish the number of its school committee, beginning in 1895.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in regard to selling the school-house in the southeast part of the town.

ART. 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair the Great road from Concord line to Littleton line.

ART. 19. To see if the town will erect and maintain street lamps the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 20. To vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town the present year?"

ART. 21. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor law.

ART. 22. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the repairing of roads and bridges the present year, and how it shall be divided.

ART. 23. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the due observance of Memorial day.

ART. 24. To see if the town will vote to widen the road from the house of Chas. L. Davis to the Estabrook road, or act anything thereon.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to build a cistern near the Town hall the present year, or act anything thereon.

ART. 26. To see if the town will offer a reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who poisoned Mr. Charles Wheeler's cattle.

ART. 27. To see if the town will rescind the vote whereby they voted to accept of sections 64 to 68, both inclusive, of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, and any amendments thereto, providing for the election of members of the board of selectmen and assessors for the term of three years, or act anything thereon.

ART. 28. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of erecting headstones or other monuments, to the memory of persons who, accredited to their

respective quotas, served in the military or naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war, the war of 1812, the Seminole war, and the Mexican war, and for keeping in repair and decorating such monuments and the graves of such persons.

ART. 29. To see what amount of money the town will raise to defray town charges the present year.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places: One at the Post Office in the centre of the town, one each at the stores of Tuttles, Jones & Wetherbee, M. E. Taylor & Co., H. A. Littlefield & Co., C. H. Mead & Co., one at the Nagog House, one at each of the Railroad Stations, and one at the Post Office in East Acton, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton this nineteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

GUSTAVUS V. BOWEN,
ED. F. CONANT,
Selectmen of Acton.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR

1893-94.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Acton:

The town at its annual meeting in April having, in accordance with the recommendations of this committee, decided to continue the district system of superintendence of its schools and having again united with the towns of Sturbridge and West Brookfield, the joint committee of the district met in Worcester on the 25th day of April and, having complied with the requirements of the statute, again selected Mr. Edward Dixon of West Brookfield as District Superintendent for the ensuing year. The superintendent's salary was fixed at $1550, viz: $800 and the amount appropriated by the State therefor, apportioned among the several towns as follows: Sturbridge, 4-10, West Brookfield, 3-10, and Acton, 3-10; the amount of the salary, so far as the towns are concerned, and its apportionment being the same as for the previous year. It was voted, also, to allow the superintendent a sum equal to the cost of the postage and stationery expended in his official correspondence, estimated at about forty dollars, the same to be equally apportioned among the towns of the district.

The benefits conferred upon the schools, the impetus given to school work and the increased interest in school life, as a result of the adoption of the present system of supervision and the employment of a skilled professional superintendent, are easily apparent to all who are familiar with the schools. Not within the memory of any member of your committee have our schools been in so healthful a condition

as they are in to-day. The continuance of this system of superintendence is most earnestly recommended, together with an appropriation therefor of $475.

It is desirable here to direct your attention to certain changes in the law relating to union district superintendence. Under the old law, that of 1888, the State refunded to the towns composing a district the sum of $1,000, to be distributed among them, $500 on the basis of the amounts expended for a superintendent by the several towns the next preceding year, and $500 on the basis of the average attendance upon the schools of the several towns in the said year. The union might also be terminated at the expiration of any year by the withdrawal from it of any one of its members. Chap. 200 of the acts of 1893 provides: "Sec. 2. When such a union has been effected it shall not be dissolved for any reason for the period of three years from the date of the formation of such union except by a vote of a majority of the towns constituting the union." "Sec. 3. . . . A warrant shall be drawn upon the treasurer of the commonwealth for the payment of one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, seven hundred and fifty dollars of which amount shall be paid for the salary of such superintendent, and the remaining five hundred dollars shall be apportioned and distributed on the basis of the amount appropriated and expended for a superintendent in the towns forming such district for the year next preceding." This act, to take effect upon its passage, was approved April 15, 1893.

Under the present law, therefore, the towns of the district receive from the State the sum of $1250, of which $750 is applicable to the salary of the superintendent, and the whole of which is distributed among them on the basis of the amounts they shall have severally expended for a superintendent during the next preceding year, and, furthermore, a

union district, once formed, cannot now be dissolved within three years of its formation, save by the consent of a majority of the towns in interest.

In accordance with your action at the last annual meeting the High school is now permanently located at South Acton, where it occupies the two rooms upon the second floor of the school building. The task of selecting competent teachers for this school was a somewhat difficult one, and to it much time and thought were given hy the superintendent and your committee. During the summer Mr. Wm. A. Charles was appointed principal, and Miss M. F. Fletcher assistant teacher, both of whom have proved faithful and competent instructors. The school, with a membership of sixty-seven against forty-four a year ago, is in a highly satisfactory condition. The employment of an assistant teacher in the High school being a new departure, and in a sense an experiment, the present incumbent was induced to accept the position at a salary of ten dollars a week for the first two terms of the year, with the understanding that a different arrangement should then be made. It is not to be expected that a thoroughly competent teacher can be retained in so important a position at so small a salary.

In view of the duties and responsibilities devolving upon the instructors in this school, we recommend an appropriation which shall permit the payment to the principal of a salary of $1,000, and to the assistant of $450 per annum.

It need not be pointed out that at the present time the sciences hold a very large and a very important place in all schemes of education. It is impossible to teach them with effect in the absence of apparatus, and of scientific apparatus we have, in a High school of sixty-seven members, little or nothing worthy of the name. A High school can be such in little more than title unless, among other things, it is pro-

vided with, at least, the more elementary apparatus for illustrating the problems of chemistry and physics.

That something may be done towards supplying this deficiency, you are earnestly recommended to appropriate the sum of $100 for the purchase of such apparatus.

The allowance of a certain sum for transportation to the pupils of the High school from the centre, north and east parts of the town, has proved satisfactory to them and a partial compensation for the location of the school at a point remote from the geographical centre of the town. From the nature of the case the sum required for this purpose could be only approximately estimated, and the appropriation of last year has proved to be somewhat too small. We recommend the continuance of this allowance and the appropriation of $450 therefor, and that the amount of the allowance to the several pupils be determined by the committee.

The Southeast school was discontinued at the close of the spring term and the premises transferred to the custody of the selectmen in August. A contract was made with Mr. Wm. S. Jones for the transportation of the pupils of this school to South Acton for sixty dollars per term, the sum appropriated for the purpose, and the work has been satisfactorily performed.

The closing of this school and the transfer of its pupils to the schools at South Acton have, we believe, proved entirely satisfactory and profitable to those personally interested, as well as to the town. We recommend the appropriation of $180 for the transportation of these pupils during the coming year.

It is the hope and belief of your committee that the consolidatiou of the Southeast school with the village schools at South Acton, is but the first step towards a system of consolidation which shall presently unite the North and East

schools with that at the centre of the town, to form at the latter place, where accommodations are already provided, a primary and a grammar school in which advantages of grading and instruction can be afforded to the children, which cannot be offered under the present arrangement, while these advantages will be accompanied by but a slightly increased expenditure. We respectfully urge upon the parents in these districts the careful consideration of this subject and of the benefits which will accrue to their children under such a system of consolidation. "*An Account of the Movement in Massachusetts to close the Rural Schools*," by Mr. Wm. L. Eaton, Superintendent of Schools in Concord, is appended to this report. The statements therein contained are of great interest and are entirely applicable to the conditions existing here. They are commended to your serious attention. We recommend that this consolidation be effected during the ensuing summer, and that the town appropriate the sum of $480 for the transportation of pupils from the north and east sections during the two remaining terms of the year.

For detailed information regarding the work in the schools, for courses of study and statements of what has been accomplished during the past year, and of what it is hoped may be accomplished during the year to come, you are respectfully referred to the report of the superintendent of schools, submitted herewith. All of the recommendations therein contained merit careful consideration and should be adopted as rapidly as, and to the extent that, our resources will permit. The teachers' meetings, at which the superintendent meets all the teachers on one afternoon of each month for instruction and consultation regarding the conduct of the schools, are of especial value and are held with the approval and by the authority of this board.

The report of the purchasing agent of the board is also submitted herewith. The limited means at our command, and the almost unlimited demands of schools conducted upon modern methods, necessitated great care in expenditure, and painstaking selection of its objects. With comparatively but few dollars to spend, and with many things considered essential to modern schools pressing upon our attention, it becomes a somewhat difficult task to select the one, or possibly two, which, in addition to the every day requirements of school work, is the most needed and at the same time within the means at our disposal.

Last year we were able to purchase a few maps and charts of great value to the primary and grammar schools. This year a few more maps and a very fair selection of supplementary reading matter for the grammar and two higher grades of the primary schools have been procured.

The greatly increased numbers in the High school, and the change there made from a three years' to a four years' course of study, has necessitated the expenditure for new text books for that school alone of $112.61, and the demand from this source will probably not be less during the coming year.

Many of the text books in the other schools are worn out and unfit for further service. The text books in history and geography must be wholly replaced early in the coming year. With 297 pupils in our schools, the appropriation of $450 last year for supplies is an average of $1.51 per pupil. The average expenditure throughout the State for this purpose in the year 1891-92, the latest report received, was $1.70 per pupil. At the latter rate our appropriation last year would have been $504.90.

In view of these facts, and especially of the heavy demands of the High school, we ask for an appropriation for this year of $550 for supplies.

Your committee has procured the insertion in the warrant of an article looking to the making, by the board of assessors, for the school committee, of a more accurate enumeration of the children in the town between the ages of five and fifteen years. The statute of 1874 directs the school committee to make this enumeration, but this town, in common with many others, has heretofore neglected to comply with its provisions. An enumeration of the children between the ages of five and fifteen years, which has been simply a statement of the *number* of such children, has been annually made by the assessors, but this is not such an enumeration as the law requires, as will appear upon examination of the statute.

Chap. 46, sec. 3. The school committee shall annually in the month of May ascertain or cause to be ascertained the names and ages of all persons between the ages of five and fifteen years belonging to their respective cities and towns on the first day of May, and shall make a record thereof.

Sec. 4. Whoever having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years withholds information in his possession, sought by a school committee or its agents for the purpose of the preceding section, or falsifies in regard to the same, shall be punished by fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days.

It will be observed that the names and ages of the children must be obtained ; without them, indeed, the enumeration is of no value. In making returns to the State Board of Education of the number of children in town between the ages of eight and fourteen years (the compulsory school age), as we are obliged to do each year, we are compelled to rely upon mere guess work, and the board is hinting more and more broadly that there must be greater accuracy in this

regard, or, in default thereof, a possible forfeiture of the apportionment from the state fund. It is, moreover, impossible to enforce the laws relating to attendance at school in the absence of the necessary data.

The grounds about the school building at West Acton should be graded and otherwise put in condition suitable for the grounds of a public building situated in a compact and thriving village. Several of the school buildings should be repainted, those in the north and east districts should be reshingled, and a supply of pure water should be provided for the south and centre schools. For several of these undertakings the selectmen have been requested to provide in their estimate for the contingent fund for this year.

The trustees of the Memorial Library have very kindly granted to the teachers in the public schools extended privileges in the use of the educational works contained in the library, and to them the thanks of the teachers and this committee are due.

For the information of parents and the public the laws relating to attendance at school and the standing rules of the committee are here published.

Chap. 47, sec. 1. (As amended by chap. 464, acts of 1889, and chap. 384 of 1890.) Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, and such attendance shall continue for at least thirty weeks of the school year, if the schools are kept open that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks' time for absences not excused by the superintendent of schools or school committee, and for every neglect of such duty the person offending shall upon complaint of a school committee or truant officer forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town

a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, such penalty shall not be incurred.

Chap. 348, acts of 1888, sec. 1. No child under thirteen years of age shall be employed at any time in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment. No such child shall be employed in any indoor work performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of the city or town in which he resides are in session, or shall be employed in any manner during such hours, unless during the year next preceding such employment he has attended school for at least thirty weeks as required by law.

Sec. 2. No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed in any manner before the hour of six o'clock in the morning, or after the hour of seven o'clock in the evening. No such child shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment except during the vacation of the public schools in the city or town where he resides, unless the person or corporation employing him procures and keeps on file a certificate and employment ticket for such child as prescribed by section four of this act, and no such child shall be employed in any indoor work, performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of such city or town are in session, unless as aforesaid, or shall be employed in any manner during such hours, unless during the year next preceding such employment he has attended school for at least thirty weeks as required by law.

Sec. 9. Every parent or guardian of a child under fourteen years of age, who permits any employment of such child contrary to the provisions of this act, and every owner, superintendent or overseer of any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment who employs or permits to be employed therein any child contrary to the provisions of this act, and any other person who employs any child contrary to the provisions of this act, shall for every such offence forfeit not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars for the use of the public schools of the city or town.

Chap. 47, sec. 9. The school committee shall not allow a child who has not been duly vaccinated to be admitted to or connected with the public schools.

Rules of the Committee.

Rule 1. Children under five years of age shall not be admitted to the public schools.

Rule 2. Pupils in all the schools of this town shall be promoted from grade to grade and from school to school according to merit. Thorough and satisfactory work will be required of pupils in a lower grade or school before entering a higher grade or school.

Rule 3. Children who have not previously attended school shall be admitted to the public schools only at the beginning of the spring or fall terms.

Summary of Receipts and Eependitures on Account of Schools for the Year 1893-94.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for common schools,		$3,060 00
"	" High school,	1,340 00
"	" school supplies,	450 00
"	" transportation S. E.	

school,	120 00	
" " transportation High school,	200 00	
" " salary of superintendent,	400 00	
Received from Mass. school fund,	233 54	
" " dog tax,	243 08	
" " tuition in High school,	16 00	
		$6,072 62

EXPENDITURES.

For common schools,	$3,289 23	
High school,	1,284 03	
School supplies,	502 25	
Transportation S. E. school,	120 00	
" High school,	261 00	
Salary of superintendent,	390 00	
		$,5846 51
Unexpended balance,		$226 11

The sum of $315.28 has been received from the State on account of the district superintendency, which is to be credited against the appropriation of $400 for superintendent's salary for 1892-93.

The stock remaining on hand in the supply room is valued at about $140.

Summary of Appropriations Recommended for the Year 1894-95.

(East, Centre and North schools consolidated.)

For common schools,	$2,540 00
High school,	1,600 00
School supplies,	550 00
Transportation S. E. school,	180 00
" High school,	450 00

Transportation North and East schools,	480 00	
Scientific apparatus,	100 00	
Salary of superintendent,	475 00	
		$6,375 00

Summary of Appropriations Recommended for the Year 1894-95.

(Schools remaining as at present.)

For common schools,	$2,800 00	
High school,	1,600 00	
School supplies,	550 00	
Transportation S. E. school,	180 00	
" High school,	450 00	
Scientific apparatus,	100 00	
Salary of superintendent,	475 00	
		$6,155 00

For the committee,

CHAS. J. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

AN ACCOUNT

— OF THE —

Movement in Massachusetts to Close the Rural Schools,

And to Transport their Pupils, at Public Expense, to the Village Schools.

— BY —

William L. Eaton, Superintendent of Schools, Concord, Mass.

Since the year 1869, the cities and towns of Massachusetts have been authorized by law to appropriate and expend money for the conveyance of pupils to and from the public schools. At first this authority was used, in accordance with its apparent purpose, mainly to convey pupils to the high school, as generally there was but one such school in town. Within a few years, however, many communities have used this authority to increase the educational advantages of the children — constantly decreasing in numbers — who live in the districts at a distance from the centres of population. This was accomplished by closing many district schools, and transporting, at public expense, their pupils to the neighboring district school or to the village. When, in 1889, it became apparent that the towns were spending considerable sums of money in this way, the State Board of Education began to report the amounts expended. The following table is compiled from the State Reports:

	1888-89.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
Aggregate amount expended for conveyance of pupils	$22,118.38	$24,145.12	$30,648.68	$38,726.07
Annual increment		2,026.74	6,503.56	8,077.39
Nnmber of cities and towns thus expending money	104	117	145	160

In order to secure fuller information regarding this important movement, a circular letter of inquiry was sent to 165 cities and towns. Replies have been received from 135, and the answers tabulated. The following summaries are of interest:

I. The cities and towns that reported an expenditure for 1891-92 of $33,500 will expend for current year, $48,300.

II. Fifteen towns and cities report conveyance to high school only, at a cost of $8,650.20 for 462 pupils.

III. It appears that in the remaining 120 towns and cities, there were, prior to the beginning of this movement to consolidate, 632 outlying schools. Of this number, 250 have been closed within the past twelve years, and to-day nearly 2,000 pupils are being conveyed to adjacent district schools or to the village schools.

IV. To the question, "Is it the policy of your town ultimately to close all the schools outside the centres of population?" twenty-five answer "Yes," without qualification; forty answer "No;" and nearly all the others reply that their towns are working for that end, or are considering the question, or hope to accomplish such a result.

V. To the request for a brief statement of the reasons that determined the towns to close district schools, and transport the pupils to other schools, the replies indicate two distinct purposes — one financial and the other educational. In many of the towns of the State, the depopulation of the districts outside the villages has made it cheaper to transport to other schools the few pupils living in the districts than to

teach them *in situ*. In other towns, the desire to make strong central schools, and the purpose to give all the children of the town the benefit of better teachers, better appliances, and better supervision, have been the dominant motives to determine consolidation.

VI. To the question whether the results have been satisfactory, there is a substantial agreement in the affirmative. The most emphatic expressions of satisfaction come from those towns in which the educational motives have been the dominant ones. Repeatedly comes the assertion from this latter class of towns that the parents would not return to the old system of isolated schools if it were possible.

The following extract from a recent report of the school committee of Conway — a town in western Massachusetts, with a population of 1,500, and a school membership of 237 (1891-92) — is pertinent: "The same method of uniting and bringing the pupils of the smaller districts to the village has been pursued as formerly. . . . In some instances, the parents are quite strongly opposed to the movement; but, upon trial, many times the opposition disappears, and the parents have no desire to return to the old system. In districts where there are few scholars, it is practically impossible to maintain a school of interest and profit to the pupils, and economy to the town. Notwithstanding all the inconveniences and difficulties, we believe the only practical way to elevate schools to a higher standard is by consolidating and transferring the pupils of the rural districts to the centre."

The town of Concord is regarded generally and properly as the pioneer in this movement to close all her district schools, primarily from educational motives, and to convey their pupils to the graded central schools. The results in Concord were observed carefully by the educators in Massachusetts, and found to be good, and the example of Concord

was made known throughout the State by the agents of the State Board of Education, and by the official reports of the Board year after year. Moreover, her near neighbors, Bedford, Lexington, Lincoln, Wayland, Weston, Sudbury, Maynard, and Acton, have either already followed her example, or are, to all appearances, preparing to do so.

The following extracts from my account of the inception and growth of this system in Concord (printed in 1892) will reveal to the inquirer how were met the obstacles that stood in the way of the abandonment of the time-honored district school that gathered in the little red school-house of the poet's fancy, and of the "old school-boy's" reveries.

Concord is a town of about four thousand inhabitants, situated twenty miles northwest of Boston. It was originally laid out, in 1636, six and one-tenth miles square; but, having lost territory from time to time, it now contains about twenty-five square miles. For school administrative purposes, it was divided early in the century into two village districts, and five rural districts.

"For many years prior to 1879, the common schools of Concord were twelve in number, occupying eleven houses. Five of these schools were placed in the central village; two under one roof were at West Concord; and the remaining five were country district schools for the accommodation of the out-lying farming population. The district school-houses were at distances from the Centre, varying from one and one-half to three miles. At the Centre was the high school, to which children came from all parts of the town. An attempt had been made, with partial success, to grade the Centre schools. The school boards of that day, therefore, had to deal with a system of schools, some ungraded ones, and the rest mixed schools imperfectly graded. These schools were taught by experienced teachers, most of whom — if not

all — had received a special training for the work. The influence of Colonel Parker's great work at Quincy was reflected in many of the schools. Yet the general results were far from satisfactory; and the school committee, under the leadership of their energetic superintendent, Mr. John B. Tileston, appreciating the defects of the existing system, and, seeing clearly a remedy, met the emergency resolutely. A vigorous and wisely directed agitation procured from the town an appropriation of money sufficient to build and equip an eight-room school-house at the Centre. In December, 1880, this house (named the 'Emerson School') was ready for occupancy, and received the children from the village schools. An immediate and inevitable improvement in every quality that distinguishes a good from a poor school resulted. The school committee then turned their attention to the district schools. These schools had been for a long time a cause of great anxiety. They were growing feebler, and they were expensive to maintain in proportion to the number of pupils they served. The Emerson School would accommodate all the children, and the laws of the State (Chap. 132, Acts of 1869) enabled the town to raise and appropriate money 'to be expended by the school committee in their discretion in providing for the conveyance of pupils to and from the public schools.' The school committee adopted the suggestion, that it was advisable to close the district schools, and to convey the children to the Centre. To carry the suggestion into effect was a difficult matter. The difficulty can be realized readily when it is understood that a period of nearly ten years elapsed between the closing of the first and the closing of the last of the five district schools, and that, during these years, the successive school boards never lost sight of the end in view, nor relaxed their efforts to reach that end. Nor is it strange that obstacles were encountered. A strong and

rational conservatism existed in the districts. The idea of consolidation was novel, and raised doubts and objections that could not be met by past experience here or elsewhere. On the other hand, it was possible for the plan to prevail in the end because the communities directly affected were highly intelligent, and formed their judgments thoughtfully and correctly. It is an interesting fact, also, that, during the whole ten years of change, a majority of the committee were farmers; and that, for the most of the time, a majority were the local representatives of the districts involved. From the successive annual reports of the school committee, the facts bearing upon the history of the movement can be gleaned. A few of the facts of record will be given here, in order to indicate the method of procedure on the part of the school committee.

"In 1879, the school in District 7 was closed, and the children conveyed to the Centre, because the committee 'did not feel justified in keeping the school open for the small number of pupils attending it.' About the same time, the grammar school pupils in District 2 were directed to attend the Centre school, and 'to make their own way thither.' In 1881, Superintendent Tileston reports that the children of District 7 'have been carried to the schools of the village for more than a year. The parents were at first mostly opposed to this course. They seem now entirely satisfied, and would not have their old school if they could.' In 1881, the parents in District 2 petitioned the committee to close their school and convey their children to the Centre. A counter-petition was sent in, however, before action had been taken. The committee, preferring to wait for a more permanent sentiment, did not close the school. In the same year, the school in District 5 was closed without opposition. An attempt to close, at the same time, the school in District 6 met with so

strenuous opposition, that the committee did not persist in closing it. In their next report (1882) the committee refer to their action as follows: 'It has not been the policy here to bring the children of the outside districts to the central schools, unless the voters of the district desire it. When the number of pupils is less than ten, the committee feel that they are not warranted in incurring the expense of keeping a separate school.' They also urge that 'it is a question which the parents in the outer districts of the town should consider carefully, whether the instruction at the centre of the town is not better, as well as cheaper, than it can be made in their own schools, and what is their duty in such a case.' In 1886, the school in District 3 was closed at the request of the local member of the school committee. In 1887, the parents in District 2 petitioned the committee to convey their children to the Centre. The committee acted promptly, and began to convey the children. A counter-petition then was sent in, but an investigation was made, and the committee, consulting what they 'believed to be the best interests of the children,' denied the second petition. In the same year, the school in District 6 was closed by vote of the committee, and the scheme of consolidation was effected.

"The apprehensions of the owners of real estate, that a depreciation of values would result if the local schools were closed, have proven to be groundless. The natural reluctance of parents to send their young children so far from home, and for all day, to attend the Centre school, has vanished. The children are conveyed in comfortable vehicles fitted up for their accommodation. They are in charge of trusty drivers *en route*, and at noon they are under the especial care of one of the teachers, who has an extra compensation for the service. When it is practicable, a farmer living near the extreme end of the district is employed to convey the child-

ren. Often the farmer's wife drives the conveyance — an arrangement that meets the entire approval of the school committee, and is, perhaps, the most satisfactory one possible. As a rule, the committee do not approve of entrusting the duty to the hired man. Three two-horse barges, and two one-horse wagons are in use at present. All these vehicles are fitted with seats running lengthwise, and are closed or open at sides and ends as the weather requires, and in cold weather are provided with blankets and straw. The driver starts from or near the remote end of his district, and drives down the principal thoroughfare, taking up the children at their own doors or at cross-street corners.

"The attendance of the children conveyed is several per cent. better than that of the village children, and it is far higher than it was in the old district schools. This is not strange when one reflects that the children are taken at or near their own doors, and conveyed to school without exposure in stormy weather, and with entire comfort in cold or snowy weather. Discipline in the carriages is maintained readily, as the driver has authority to put out any unruly child. The children are conveyed from one and one-half to three and one-half miles. The cost of transportation is about fifty dollars per week. It is estimated that it would cost seventy dollars a week to maintain schools in all the districts. The number of teachers in the Centre schools is not increased by the consolidation, as the eighty to one hundred children from the districts are distributed quite uniformly among the various rooms.

"Whatever advantages a system of carefully graded schools, occupying a well-ventilated and well-cared-for schoolhouse, taught by a body of intelligent and earnest teachers co-operating to secure the best discipline within and without the school-room, has over a mixed country school, such ad-

vantages are shared alike by all the inhabitants of this town. All alike are interested in all real progress in methods of discipline and instruction, and in improved appliances to aid instruction. Superintendence becomes more efficient. The introduction of new subjects of study and of drawing, music, gymnastics, manual training, is made easy, since all the pupils of the town are found in three school-houses. Appliances of all kinds and books of reference can be provided more extensively and at less cost. In short, every scheme to make the teaching more efficient, or broader, can be carried into effect far more readily. The history of this movement in Concord conclusively shows that the success of the plan here was due to its intrinsic merit, acting upon the minds of an enlightened people desirous of furthering the true educational interests of their children.

"Many incidental advantages subordinate to the prime one have resulted. All the children of the town meet on the same arena, test the quality each of the other, and exchange from the beginning those influences which will mould them to act together harmoniously and intelligently in the future. All the parents of the town have an equal interest in the welfare of the two central systems of schools, and for many years dissensions about the maintenance of schools have been unknown in our town meetings. Many families have come to live in the town because of its educational advantages. The farms that come upon the market find readier sale than ever before. The children from the farming districts are no longer distinguishable from the village children by a certain awkwardness of manner or address. The moral tone of the school and of the school-yards has been elevated wonderfully. The parents feel and appreciate these many incidental, but vastly important, advantages, and are convinced that the system is superior to the one it has displaced."

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES 1893-94, *DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES.*

To the School Committee:

GINN & Co.

Feb. 28.	3 Scudder's History,	$2 75	
			$2 75
April 29.	3 Hudson Julius Cæsar,	1 35	
	5 Wentworth Plane Geometry,	3 75	
	8 Wentworth Gram. Sch. Arithmetic,	5 20	
		10 30	
	Less 1-6,	1 72	
			8 58
May 1.	5 Julius Cæsar,	2 25	
	5 Dana Geology. Story,	5 75	
		8 00	
	Less 1-6,	1 33	
			6 67
May 1.	5 Martin's Civil Gov't,	2 05	
			2 05
May 23.	12 Health Primers,	3 60	
	6 Hygiene,	3 00	
		6 60	
	Less 55 per cent,	3 63	
			2 97
May 23.	10 doz. Spelling Blanks,	4 20	
	Less 1-6,	70	
			3 50
Aug. 25.	5 Our World Readers, No. 1,	2 50	
	5 Little Flower People,	2 00	
	5 Water Babies,	1 72	
	9 Golden River,	1 00	
	40 Two Great Retreats,	16 00	

	40 Autobiography of Franklin,	16 00		
	50 Cyr's 1st Readers,	14 00		
	8 Harkness Easy Latin Lessons,	9 60		
	10 Whitney & Lockwood Eng Gram.,	8 40		
	12 Wentworth & Hill H. S. Arith.,	12 00		
	24 Gate to Cæsar,	9 60		
		92 85		
	Less 1-6,	15 47		
				77 38
Sept. 7.	5 Whitney & Lockwood Eng. Gram.,	3 50		
	2 Allen&Greenough Cæsar,	2 50		
	7 Montieth Phys. Geog.,	7 00		
		13 00		
	Less 1-6,	2 17		
				10 83
Sept. 7.	5 Harkness Easy Latin Lessons,	6 00		
	9 Martin's Civil Gov't,	8 10		
		14 10		
	Less 55 per cent.,	7 75		
				6 35
Sept. 8.	19 Montgomery Eng.Hist.,	21 28		
	Less 1-6,	3 55		
				17 73
Sept. 8.	6 Greenough Virgils,	9 60		
	Less 1-6,	1 60		
				8 00
Sept. 12.	10 doz. Spelling Blanks,	4 20		
	5 doz. Writing Books, No. 3,	4 80		

	5 doz.Tracing Books,No. 3,	3 60		
		12 60		
	Less 1-6,	2 10		
			10 50	
Dec. 8.	7 Lincoln Physiology,	5 60		
	Less 1-6,	93		
			4 67	
			$161 98	
April 29.	Cr. by 8 B. & E. Arith.,	1 60		
Sept. 26.	Cr. by 50 old Readers,	2 50		
			4 10	
				$157 88

BOSTON SCHOOL SUPPLY CO.

Mar. 3.	9 Book-keeping Blanks,	$ 84		
	Express prepaid,	15		
			$ 99	
Mar. 24.	6 Scudder's U.S.History,	5 70		
	10 boxes Crayons.	1 20		
	2 dozen Slates.	2 40		
	3 doz. Spelling Blanks,	90		
	1 doz. Ink,	3 60		
			13 80	
Mar. 28.	1 doz. Slates,	1 20		
	5 Martin's Civil Gov't,	4 05		
	3 Dana Geology Story,	3 11		
	6 Scudder's U. S. History,	5 70		
	18 Slates,	1 80		
			15 86	
April 20.	4 Reams Practice Paper,	2 00		
	4 Reams Letter Sheet,	4 00		
	4 doz. Spelling Blanks,	1 20		
	5 doz. Slate Bands,	3 60		
	1 lb. Sponges,	1 20		
			12 00	
				42 65

AMERICAN BOOK CO.

Mar. 24.	24 Harper's 4th Readers,	$14 40		
	24 Harper's 3d Readers,	11 52		
	16 Harper's School Geography,	12 96		
		38 88		
	Less 1-4 and 1-10,	12 63		
			$26 25	26 25

J. L. HAMMETT.

April 28.	48 lbs. Packet Blocks,	$4 40		
	20 lbs. Note Blocks,	2 00		
	4 doz Manilla Blocks,	2 60		
	2½ Reams Manilla Letter,	1 88		
	3 "Gem" Pencil Sharpeners,	9 00		
	2 lbs. Sponges,	2 20		
			$22 08	
April 29.	600 Blotters,	3 60		
			3 60	
May 23.	5 doz. D. Slates,	2 00		
	5 Reams Manilla Drawing Paper,	1 50		
	6 Boxes Pens,	2 28		
	12 Sets Meservey's Bookkeeping,	8 64		
	5 doz. Manilla Pads,	2 60		
	5 doz. Boxes Crayons,	3 90		
			20 92	
	16 Packages Col'd Splints,	3 20		
	9 Boxes Splints for laying,	1 80		
	16 Boxes Large Pegs,	1 92		
	16 Boxes Toy Money,	3 20		
	5 Boxes Colored Cubes,	2 40		

	16 Boxes Thompson's Busy Work,	1 92		
	5 Boxes Pin Cards,	2 00		
	5 Boxes Little Artist,	1 00		
	7 Boxes Hallman's Beads,	2 88		
			20 32	
Aug. 25.	19 Johnson's Wall Maps,	19 00		
	2 Maps Mass.	1 00		
	5 Sets Wood's Business Forms,	2 00		
	5 Gross Pencils,	11 25		
	50 Cornhill Pads,	2 75		
	5 doz. Slates,	5 50		
	3 doz. Pointers,	2 40		
			43 90	
Oct. 10.	3 Gross Slate in wood Pencils,	2 25		
	5 lbs. Erasers, rubber,	3 75		
	5 doz. Slate Bands,	3 60		
	4 Reams Letter Sheet,	4 00		
	5 doz. Ginn's Trac'g Course, No. 1,	3 24		
			16 84	
Feb. 3.	2 Reams No. 23 Letter Sheet,	2 00		
	2 Reams Manilla Letter Sheet,	1 60		
			$3 60	131 26

UNIVERSITY PUBLISHING CO.

April 28.	54 Davis' 1st Readers,	$14 04		
	54 Davis' 2d Readers,	26 60		
			$35 64	
Aug. 25.	50 Holmes 1st Readers,	4 50		
			4 50	
Sept. 9.	7 Sharples Astronomy,	5 84		

	7 Greene's Zoology,	3 75		
			9 59	
			49 73	
April 28.	Cr. by 108 old Readers,	14 04	14 04	
				35 69

LEE & SHEPARD.

Aug. 25.	40 King's Geog. Readers, No. 2,	$24 00		
	40 Boston Tea Party,	10 00		
	5 King's Geog. Readers, No. 1,	2 08		
			$36 08	36 08

PUBLIC SCHOOL PRINTING CO.

Aug. 15.	500 Baldwin's Report Book,	$8 50		8 50

J. G. ROBERTS.

Sept. 3.	Rebinding Books,	$7 50		7 50

AUGUSTINE HOSMER.

Sept. 1.	Printing,	$ 50		
Sept. 2.	Printing,	65		
			$1 15	1 15

MAYNARD, MERRILL & Co.

Sept. 9.	8 Keettels French Gram.,	$6 00		
	15 " " Reader,	15 00		
			$21 00	
Sept. 18.	4 " " Gram.,	3 00		
	4 " " Reader,	4 00		
	3 French Plays,	75		
			7 75	
Sept. 22.	1 French Dictionary,	1 67	1 67	
			30 42	
Sept. 9.	Credit by express charge paid,		30	
				30 12

HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & CO.

Aug. 25.	40 Riverside Primers,	$10 20		10 20

SUNDRY EXPENDITURES.

Paid James Fletcher estate, supplies,	$2 62		
C. H. Mead, supplies.	1 25		
C. J. Williams, supplies,	65		
N. C. Read, express,	2 20		
Wm. Jennings, "	7 50		
Luke Tuttle, "	50		
C. L. Bradford, "	50		
		$15 17	
Cr. by sale of Word Book,		20	
			14 97
			$502 25

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Superintendent's Report.

School Committee of Acton:

GENTLEMEN,—The following report, presenting in a brief way the condition and progress of the schools, and stating suggestions for promoting their interests, is herewith presented.

This report is nominally to the school committee who are already familiar with its probable contents through written communications from, and by personal consultation with, the superintendent, from time to time during the year; so I shall be pardoned if I assume I am not only reporting to the committee, but, through them, to parents, teachers, and all others interested in the school affairs of the town.

The statement made annually in many school reports that "Our schools have advanced rapidly the past year," may excite the thought that those particular schools must be in an almost perfect condition. But it should be borne in mind that the best schools in our land are far from perfect, and that only by intelligent and earnest efforts can schools be improved, or even prevented from becoming less efficient.

The phenomenal work mentioned in many school reports comes to my mind whenever I have to touch upon the progress of schools, so that I approach the subject with feelings of embarrassment; and yet not only has much been done to increase the efficiency of our schools this year, but the work of the teachers and the progress made by the schools have been eminently satisfactory. However, although

this year's work has been exceedingly gratifying, I deem it my duty and privilege to recommend other desirable changes, and state those needs which, in my opinion, will still further promote the interests of the schools.

The Year's Work.

The most important changes made this year are as follows:

The permanent location of the High school.

The employment of an assistant for the High school.

The substitution of a four years' course of study in the High school for a three years' course.

The transportation of High school pupils.

The consolidation of the Centre schools.

The consolidation of the South East and South schools.

The first four changes directly affect the welfare of the High school, and indirectly they advance materially the educational interests of the whole town, and that, too, without increasing the total cost for schools, except for transportation of High school pupils.

By these changes we have a High school that stands for firmness of character, as against fickleness in its nomadic age; a High school course of study more befitting the size of the town and the intelligence of the community; a school to which pupils of mature age, who need more attention than can possibly be given them in the lower schools, may be sent; a teaching force adequate for present requirements, and means which have brought the High school nearer than ever before to the doors of all the people. That all the changes enumerated above have been made in one year, speaks well for the public spirit of the community.

The consolidation of the schools at the Centre, and of the Southeast and South schools, has proved judicious and economical.

In the Centre school the classes exhibit greater energy, and the pupils make more rapid progress than they did before the schools were united. This is due to the more enthusiastic class work and to the efficiency and the skillful management of the present teacher.

For similar reasons the South East pupils certainly have better educational advantages at the South than they had in their own districts.

Examinations and Promotions.

An important change has been made in the use of examinations and in methods of promotion. Heretofore, pupils have been admitted to the High school provided they passed a final written examination in the common school branches. Happily for aspirants for High school honors and their teachers, the school committee have abolished the written examination as the basis of promotion, and, instead of a final examination, have made the *year's work* of the pupils the basis of promotion. Candidates from other towns, however, might have to take an examination before being admitted. The same method has been adopted for promotions from grade to grade in the lower schools. Examinations are now given from time to time by the teachers and by the superintendent, but they are used, by the teachers, to give reviews, and to emphasize important facts; by the superintendent, to test the *power* rather than the memory of the pupils, to direct the work of the teacher, and to discover defects and omissions in the teaching.

While none of the subjects taught in our schools have been neglected, special prominence has been givento reading, writing, arithmetic and language.

Supplementary reading in these lines, viz: geography, history, and literature, has been furnished the pupils, and, by this means, the teachers have made quite an effort to cul-

tivate in the pupils a taste for good reading. A list of books contained in the public library suitable for, and desirable to be read by, the pupils, has been furnished each teacher, and the trustees of the library have very kindly voted to allow the teachers to take out eight books at a time under special conditions. Some of these books are read by the teachers to the school, and others are read by the pupils. The principle that the use of good reading in schools will tend to prevent a desire for worthless productions, is acted upon in providing this reading.

Teachers' meetings have been held monthly, except when within the month the teachers have attended an Institute. At one of these meetings it was our privilege to be addressed by Messrs. Geo. A. Walton and J. W. MacDonald, agents of the State Board of Education. These meetings enable the superintendent to direct the work of the teachers more effectively than can be done by any other means, so that the time taken by the teachers from regular school hours is considered to be profitably spent.

The High School.

The new condition of things affecting this school, involved not only the election of an assistant, but a change of principals, and we fully realized that upon the judicious selection of these teachers depended the success of the new system.

Principal W. A. Charles has proved to be the right man for the place, and he has been ably seconded in his efforts to raise the standard of the school by his efficient assistant, Miss M. Florence Fletcher. This school is in excellent condition. It has been so managed that the pupils are orderly, industrious, and enthusiastic, and the relations existing between teachers and pupils are the most cordial. Among the

many excellent features of the school is a plan of self-government introduced by Mr. Charles, to allow pupils, whose previous deportment was satisfactory, the privilege of governing their own actions in school so long as they continued to conduct themselves in a manner acceptable to the teacher. To train pupils to govern themselves is the highest order of discipline, so I note with pleasure the fact that, owing to the character of the teachers and the laudable inclinations of the pupils, the experiment has proved successful. He has also introduced military drill, giving the boys a good knowledge of military tactics, and an excellent training in discipline.

Aside from the regular school work the pupils began in November the publication of a monthly journal called the ACTONIAN, the contributors to which are all members of the school. The publication reflects great credit on the school, and well deserves support from the *alumni* of the school and the citizens of the town.

The membership of the school is much larger than it was last year. The size of the school and the four years' course of studies necessitated the purchase of an extra supply of text books. This has necessarily swelled the total of the "text book and supplies" account, but as pupils must be furnished all necessary text books and supplies, this additional cost was unavoidable. Many more books will be needed in the near future to properly supply the school.

In addition to the regular text books every pupll should be supplied with a small dictionary. There is not a more important book in school than this, and every pupil should learn to use one intelligently before he finishes our school course.

There are probably few High schools in the state, as large as ours, that have so lttlle apparatus for science work

as is found in our school. Modern methods of teaching make necessary the use of apparatus; and until the pieces needed are furnished, the teachers will certainly lack important means of good teaching, and the pupils will fail to get the full value of the training aimed at in the study of the natural sciences. When teachers have many subjects to teach they should be provided with all necessary helps in the way of apparatus.

The school, with commendable zeal, has begun to raise money with which to purchase a piano. By an entertainment given in the town hall, fifty dollars has already been netted for this object.

In General.

If our teachers are expected to work in accordance with the best methods, and to keep up with the times, we must make the conditions favorable for good teaching. Under the present system of schools we require too much when we expect the same quality of work and the same amount of individual attention per scholar from our teachers that is expected in well graded schools. It is not the number of pupils, necessarily, but the number of classes that determine largely the character of the teacher's work. Our teachers have not too many pupils, but, owing to the present gradation, they do have altogether too many classes for the best kind of work. Where schools are well graded there are not more than two grades in each room. In our school we have not less than four grades in each room. It is not reasonable to expect a teacher to accomplish as much per scholar with twenty-four classes, as is expected of a teacher with only twelve classes. We need better graded schools, and the practical way to accomplish this result is by consolidation.

Apparatus, Text Books and Supplies.

Teachers of the lower schools, too, need apparatus with which to do, in a proper and profitable way, the required

work of their schools. The following list of articles (some of which, however, are in the schools), recommended by the State Board of Education, is quoted as necessary for each school.

Blackboards.—As much *good* blackboard surface as the size of the room will allow; blackboard cloth for extra surface for charts, maps, etc.; a sufficient supply of good crayons, erasers, and pointers. There should be a ledge or trough below the blackboard to hold the dust. This should be cleaned whenever the room is swept.

Closet.—A closet with lock and key for all text books, supplies and apparatus. The condition of this property should be inspected at each visit of the committee.

For Reading.—Besides the regular series of readers, a chart for the beginners, and one or more different readers of each grade, at least three copies of each; supplementary books for information; a large dictionary, a dictionary of biography, and a gazetteer.

For Writing.—Slates ruled on one side for the youngest pupils; spaced practice paper for the older pupils; good writing paper, pens and ink; means of sharpening slate and lead pencils.

For Arithmetic.—A low table for youngest pupils; blocks or other counters, splints, etc.; numeral frame, foot-rules, yard-sticks, measures of capacity, liquid and dry, toy money.

For Geography.—A globe, outline map of the hemispheres and of the continents; a map of the United States, and one of Massachusetts; paper for map-drawing.

For Physiology.—Anatomical and physiological charts.

For Drawing.—Clay for modelling, geometrical forms, pencils, rulers, manilla and white paper, compasses.

Small dictionaries, too, should be provided for all pupils above grade IV.

Additions to the supplementary reading list in the line of history, geography, literature, and science are desirable.

I would also recommend a change in the text books on geography, history, and spelling. Many of the geographies now in use are practically worthless, being much worn and considerably out of date.

There are many more desirable text books on history and spelling than those in our schools.

If the teachers are expected to conform to the law in regard to teaching drawing, they should be provided with books and drawing material.

I would suggest that the schools have a daily in-door recess instead of the customary out-door recefs, from November 1 to the end of the winter term. By this plan there would be a few minutes in the forenoon and a few minutes in the afternoon that would be given to physical exercise of some kind; and during this time the room could be ventilated, and any pupils be permitted to leave the room.

Attendance.

Good attendance is one indication of a successful school. I would, therefore, call your attention to the attendance in our High schooi in the fall and winter terms, recorded in the tabular statement. It will be noticed, also, that at the Centre, since the schools were united, the membership has been larger and the attendance better. The per cent. of attendance of all the schools for the year is .93. Many pupils deserve great praise for punctuality and constant attendance. The "Roll of Honor" is quite large; and I trust, another year, the names of pupils neither absent nor tardy for one or more terms will be published in the town report. The teachers, too, deserve much commendation for their efforts to secure regularity of attendance in their pupils.

A course of study to be practical must meet the needs of the schools for which it is made. The course prepared by the State Board of Education, an excellent one and very suggestive, has been used by the teachers as a guide in their work. This course was not expected to exactly meet the needs of all schools in the state, and while it will be used wholly for the course in drawing and nature study, it was deemed advisable to prepare one especially for our own schools, in other branches of study. This and the High school course is appended.

Conclusion.

In conclusion I wish to thank the committee for their cordial support, for the courtesy they have shown me, and for the assistance they have given me in my work during the year.

I wish, also, to thank the teachers for their hearty co-operation, for the good work they have done, and for the kindly manner in which they have taken my criticisms and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD DIXON,

Superintendent of Schools.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

TEACHERS.	TERMS.	SCHOOLS.	Enrollment.	Average membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of attendance.	Pupils under 5 years of age.	Pupils over 15 years of age.	Pupils between 8 and 14 years of age.	Wages of teachers per month.
C. A. Crooks.	Spring		43	37.5	30.4	80				$102 22
W. A. Charles.										102 22
M. Florence Fletcher.	Fall	High.	67	64.9	63. 2	97		36	24	40 00
W. A. Charles.										102 22
M. Florence Fletcher.	Winter		64	63.5	59.1	93				40 00
	Spring		31	30.	28.5	95				
Hattie L. Tuttle.	Fall	South Grammar.	33	30.7	29.8	97			31	40 00
	Winter		34	31.5	29.4	93				
	Spring		42	37.9	35.8	94				
Bertha L. Gardner.	Fall	South Primary.	48	44.	41.9	95			15	40 00
	Winter		43	34.5	32.1	93				
	Spring		37	33.6	30.7	91				
Albertie M. Preston.	Fall	West Grammar.	33	30.9	29.9	97		2	29	40 00
	Winter		34	32.8	30.4	93				
	Spring		47	39.	36.1	93				
Harriet H. Gardner.	Fall	West Primary.	33	28.4	27.4	96			22	40 00
	Winter		28	24.8	22.2	89				
Clara B. Holden.	Spring	Centre Gram'ar.	17	12.4	11.7	94				40 00
Sarah E. Hammond.		Centre Primary.	14	9.5	8.6	90				40 00
Susie E. Conant.	Fall	Centre.	37	33.7	32.5	96		3	27	40 00
Susie E. Conant.	Winter		37	27.9	26.5	95				
M. Florence Fletcher.	Spring		28	26.4	23.5	89				40 00
Lucy M. Booth.	Fall	East.	26	25.9	24.7	95		1	26	40 00
Lucy M. Booth.	Winter		28	26.7	24.9	93				40 00
Susie E. Conant.	Spring		23	20.4	19.3	95				
Lillian F. Richardson.	Fall	North.	20	19.3	18.3	94	1	2	10	36 00
Lillian F. Richardson.	Winter		16	12.1	9.5	78				
Lena Hayward.	Spring	Southeast.	11	6.6	5.9	89	0	1	9	36 00

Summary of Statistics.

Number of schools,	8
Whole number of children enrolled,	356
Number under 5 years of age,	1
Number over 15 years of age,	43
Number between 8 and 14 years of age,	184
Average membership of all the schools,	261.6
Average attendance of all the schools,	244.1
Per cent. of attendance of all the schools,	93

Report of Principal of High School.

Having been requested by Mr. Dixon to say a few words concerning the High school, I submit the following :

September 5, Tuesday morning, on reaching the High school building, I found an assembly of about sixty-five boys and girls, varying from fourteen to eighteen years of age. In entering into a new school, with new teachers, and a new course of study, it took some little time to arrange matters satisfactorily, but matters finally adjusted themselves to circumstances, and the school machinery seemed to be running smoothly.

The course of study, as you know, was enlarged and increased to one of four years. I would still further advocate raising the standard, until algebra be pursued the first year, and all studies, which belong to the Grammar grade, be dropped from the High school curriculum.

In the way of physical and chemical apparatus, the school is totally devoid of appliances, and it is as impossible to build the traditional "bricks without straw," as to teach those branches without performing a certain amount of experiments. The one thing which I think would tend to better work, in all directions, would be one session in the High school. In order for this to be a success the closest co-operating of parents would be necessary, that the time which should be put into school work is not squandered in other ways, and right here I must utter my one word of dissatisfaction, and that is, the seeming lack of interest shown by parents in the High school. Up to the present time just two persons, who

had children in school, have visited us. Now this shows one of two things: 1st, that you take no interest in your children's welfare, or 2d, that you have implicit confidence in your teachers.

I could not write an article of this kind without paying tribute to Miss Fletcher, and if the school has advanced at all during the past year, I would attribute a very large degree of it to her zeal, application, and hearty co-operation in everything concerning school work, and best of all, to the interest which, in a large degree, she awakens in all the pupils with whom she comes in contact. She is eminently the right person for the place. My relations with Mr. Williams and Mr. Dixon, too, have been most helpful to me, and I can see nothing in the future for the Acton High school but success, if the people will only arouse themselves and open their eyes. It is the height of folly to support a High school in your midst, and then send your children to Concord or elsewhere. Give us the money which you are paying other schools. Give us the appliances which go to make a modern school-house, and we will give your children the education which by right they ought to have.

In closing, I wish to say that our labors have not been directed wholly toward book learning, but we have also endeavored to instill some of the first principles of what goes to make up a young lady and a young gentleman. A man is estimated by good society to-day no more for what he knows than for his good breeding, and we think we should not be fulfilling our duty did we stop with simply the daily lessons. The Acton High school can be a credit to the town of Acton. Will you let it be?

WM. A. CHARLES, *Principal.*

HIGH SCHOOL.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

First Year.

Term.				
Fall.	Latin.	Arithmetic.	Civil Government.	
Winter.	Latin.	Arithmetic.	Physiology.	
Spring.	Latin (Gate to Cæsar).	Arithmetic.	Physical Geography.	

Second Year.

Fall.	Cæsar.	Algebra.	Physics.	English Literature.
Winter.	Cæsar.	Algebra.	Physics.	English Literature.
Spring.	Cæsar.	Algebra.	Physics.	English Literature.

Third Year.

Fall.	Virgil or French.	Plane Geometry.	English History.
Winter.	Virgil or French.	Plane Geometry.	Greek History.
Spring.	Virgil or French.	Plane Geometry.	Roman History.

Fourth Year.

Fall.	Cicero or French.	Zoology.	General History.
Winter.	Cicero or French.	Astronomy.	General History.
Spring.	Cicero or French.	Chemistry.	Political Economy.

ENGLISH COURSE.

First Year.

Term.				
Fall.	English Grammar.	Civil Government.	Arithmetic.	
Winter.	English Grammar.	Physiology.	Arithmetic.	
Spring.	English Grammar.	Physical Geography.	Arithmetic.	

SECOND YEAR.

Fall.	Rhetoric and English Literature. Algebra. Physics.
Winter.	Rhetoric and English Literature. Algebra. Physics.
Spring.	Rhetoric and English Literature. Algebra. Physics.

THIRD YEAR.

Fall.	Erench. Plane Geometry. Geology.
Winter.	French. Plane Geometry. Elocution.
Spring.	French. Plane Geometry. Botany.

FOURTH YEAR.

Fall.	French. Zoology. Solid Geometry or General History.
Winter.	French. Astronomy. Solid Geometry or General History.
Spring.	French. Chemistry. Solid Geometry or Political Economy.

Readings, declamations and compositions throughout each course. Book-keeping once a week.

COURSE OF STUDY.

LANGUAGE.

Object. To train pupils early to use good English, and to make this use a matter of habit by long, consistent, and progressive training, and to lay the foundation for the grammatical study of the language at a later period. The correct forms only should be emphasized.

Copying. Pupils should be trained to grasp thoughts, not words only, at a glance, and to notice punctuation marks, capitals, etc.

Dictation. Dictate distinctly and but once.

Reproduction. Train pupils to reproduce stories as truthfully as possible, in their own language.

Memory Gems. Throughout the course have pieces of appropriate prose and poetry committed to memory and recited.

Punctuation. Particular attention should be paid by each teacher to the different punctuation and other marks, required to be taught in the grades of which she has charge.

GRADE I.

Oral Lessons. Aim — to teach the children to express their thoughts in simple and correct forms.

Teach to use *a* and *an; is* and *are; was* and *were; has* and *have;* verbs, with singular and with plural subjects; *in*, *on*, *under*, *below*, etc. Have picture lessons and reproductions of stories.

Written Work. New words in reading lesson; sentences from board or charts; sentences containing given words; sentences expressing observed facts; days of the week and months of the year; simple sentences from dictation.

Teach the use of the period and of the interrogation point at the end of a sentence; the capital letter at the beginning of a sentence and in the names of persons; I and O when written alone.

GRADE II.

Oral and written work throughout the year. Exercises in writing names of persons with residences; copying from blackboard and from reading books; short stories from pictures; reproduction of short stories told by the teacher or from reading lesson; abbreviations; dates; observation lessons; short stories dictated; letters of one paragraph.

Teach to use *this* and *that; these* and *those*, etc.; the common irregular verbs; the period in abbreviations; the possessive singular with apostrophe; the hyphen in com-

pound words; the comma to separate the words of a series; pronouns as subjects; pronouns as objects of transitive verbs; adverbs.

Grade III.

Oral and written work throughout the year. Daily work in short dictation exercises; reproduction of stories, orally and in writing; stories from pictures; writing of short letters.

Teach to use such words as *to*, *too*, *two*; *either*, *neither*; pronouns with *was* and *were*, and after *is* and *was*; the exclamation point; the comma to separate the name of the person addressed from the rest of the sentence; the hyphen in dividing words at the end of a line; common contractions with the use of the apostrophe.

Grade IV.

Oral and written work throughout the year. Teach forms and use of all the common irregular verbs; to use them in different tenses and in the active and the passive voice; correct use of *who* and *whom* in questions; of *who*, *which* and *that*; quotations (direct and indirect); all common abbreviations and contractions; formation of the possessive cases, singular and plural; the plural forms of nouns; the use of the comma in direct quotations and to separate the parts of a compound sentence; the different uses of the period. Have reproduction of stories from memory; letter writing, *full form*, and teach pupils to fold letters and address envelopes.

Grade V.

Have stories from outlines; paraphrasing; reproduction, upon paper, of (a) facts from Nature studies; (b) geography lessons; (c) picture lessons; (d) stories read or told by the teacher, or which the children have read silently. Prac-

tice in changing from one of the four forms of the sentence to each of the others, with capitals and punctuation appropriate to each. Copy short lessons from books. Dictate, frequently, exercises which include the use of the apostrophe, quotation marks in divided quotations, abbreviations, and the more difficult forms of the plural nouns. Drill, frequently, on forms of irregular verbs, and the correct use of relative and interrogative pronouns. Continue letter writing.

Develop the idea of a sentence and give the definition. Teach classification of sentences with respect to their *meaning*, and define declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences. Give frequent practice in naming the subject and the predicate of sentences.

Grade VI.

Continue work of preceding grade. Give thorough drill in writing business papers of all kinds. Require pupils to punctuate all written work.

Show that words have particular uses in sentences, that they are classified according to their *uses*, and that they are called parts of speech. Give frequent practice in naming the parts of speech in a sentence. Teach classification of sentences with respect to *form* and define simple, compound, and complex sentences.

Grade VII.

Language. Continue work of preceding grade.

Grammar. Teach the different kinds of phrases; the participle; the infinitive; modified subject and modified predicate; drill on transitive (active and passive) verbs; intransitive (complete and incomplete) verbs; attributive and objective complements; analysis of simple sentences; use of diagrams; syntax of words.

Grade VIII.

Continue and extend work of preceding grade. Teach punctuation of complex and compound sentences; properties of the parts of speech; analysis of easy complex and compound sentences, with substantive, adjective, and adverbial clauses. General review.

READING.

In primary reading, teach 1, the sentence; 2, words; 3, phonics. When pupils know all the words of a reading lesson they are ready to exercise themselves in the two processes necessary for good reading, viz., grasp of thought and feeling and vocal expression of thought and feeling. Criticism should be directed in these two directions. Wrong emphasis shows the thought is not mastered. Help pupils to understand the thought by *questioning* them on the pieces to be read.

Grade I.

First Term. Reading from the blackboard.

Second Term. Reading from the blackboard and the authorized First Reader.

Third Term. Reading from the first part of the authorized First Readers and from the first part of the supplementary First Readers.

Phonetics begun this year and continued throughout the course.

Grade II.

First Term. Authorized First Reader finished.

Second Term. Supplementary First Readers finished.

Third Term. First part of authorized Second Reader.

Grade III.

First Term. Authorized Second Reader finished,

Second Term. Supplementary Second Readers finished.
Third Term. First part of authorized Third Readers.

GRADE IV.

Authorized Third Reader and supplementary Third Readers.

GRADE V.

Authorized Fourth Reader and supplementary reading.

GRADE VI–VIII.

Fifth Readers and supplementary reading.

SPELLING.

GRADE I.

Words copied from readers, charts, or blackboard; oral spelling when the names of the letters are known; spelling by sound.

GRADE II.

Words selected from daily reading; oral and written spelling.

GRADES III–IV.

Words selected from reading lessons; common words frequently mis-spelled; words from any of the school exercises; work, oral and written.

GRADES V–VIII.

Oral and written spelling; written work chiefly in spelling blanks; special lessons on geographical and historical names; in oral spelling, have syllables indicated by a pause or by pronounciation.

WRITING.

Pay particular attention to the position of the body and the holding of the pen. The *special* work of the primary grades should be (1) the making of the single letters, (2) combining them into simple words; that of the other grades, arm movements.

Grades I–II.

Small letters, capital letters, and easy words.

Grades III–IV.

Drill in making letters; short words and easy sentences; easy arm movements; begin use of the pen.

Grades V–VIII.

Arm movements; sentences from dictation; copy book exercises.

ARITHMETIC.

Grade I.

Number 1 to 10 inclusive; counting, notation, numeration, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division; fractions, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4; Roman numerals to X; cent, two-cent piece, nickel, dime; day, week, month; pint, quart, gallon, peck; inch, foot (as a whole), yard.

Grade II.

Numbers 1 to 20; notation 1 to 50; fractions 1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 1-8, 1-9, 1-10; Roman numerals to XX; foot, square foot (as a whole), square yard; ounce, pound; dozen, score; year.

Grade III.

Numbers 1 to 100; multiplication with two figures in the multiplicand and one in the multiplier; division with two figures in the dividend and one in the divisor; fractions 1-11, 1-12; decimals to tenths, four processes; U. S. money; Roman numerals to C; tables of length, liquid measure, dry measure, time, weight.

Grade IV.

Numbers to 1000; multiplication and division with not more than two places in the multiplier and the divisor; Roman numerals to M; addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of common fractions to twentieths, of decimals to hundredths; much practice in measuring lengths; in buying and selling, making change, etc. Begin percentage. In compound numbers extend work of preceding grade. Oral exercises to accompany written arithmetic.

Grade V.

Arabic and Roman notation; review of the fundamental rules; U. S. money continued; factors and multiples of easy numbers; reduction, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of fractions, decimal and common; oral exercises throughout the year; percentage continued; easy examples in interest (years); simple work in finding areas of surfaces and contents of solids.

Grade VI.

Complete notation; greatest common divisor; least common multiple; factors; reduction of common fractions to decimals, and of decimals to common fractions; continue

work of preceding grade in common fractions and decimals; compound numbers, except longitude and time, finished; percentage; interest (years and months).

Grade VII.

Percentage and its applications including simple interest; factors, multiples, common fractions, decimals, and compound numbers reviewed; oral exercies throughout the year.

Grade VIII.

Problems in interest; partial payments; compound interest; commercial discount; bank discount; ratio and proportion; longitude and time; powers and roots; mensuration.

GEOGRAPHY.

Grade I.

Teach points of compass (eight), Have oral lessons on the seasons, the air, wind, rain, snow, hail, thunder, lightning; hills, valleys; springs, brooks, rivers, ponds, lakes (of the neighborhood).

Grade II.

Oral lessons on the sky, clouds; dew, frost; the horizon; sunrise, sunset, the sun at noon; kinds of soil, (sandy, etc.).

Home Geography. The hills, direction of slopes, etc.; the streams, source, banks, branches, mouth, direction of flow, etc.

Teach idea of map by a plan of school-room and yard on the blackboard.

Grade III.

Home geography, following outline given in the State course of study; county; oral lessons on town government.

Grade IV.

First Term, Massachusetts. *Second Term*, New England. *Third Term*, United States. Oral lessons on county government.

Grade V.

First and Second Terms. The earth as a whole, and the continents, following the outline given in the State course. *Third Term*, North America.

Grade VI.

First Term, South America. *Second Term*, Africa. *Third Term*, Europe.

Grade VII.

First Term, Oceanica. *Second Term*, Asia. *Third Term*, North America.

Grade VIII.

First Term, Massachusetts and New England. *Second Term*, United States. *Third Term*, General review.

HISTORY.

Grades I–IV.

Selected stories to be read to the pupils by the teacher.

Grade V.

Have pupils read stories of American history. Oral lessons on state government.

GRADE VI.

Work of preceding grade continued. History of Massachusetts.

GRADE VII.

Formal study of United States history. The authorized text book from the beginning of the book through the Revolutionary War. Oral lessons on national government.

GRADE VIII.

From the close of the Revolution to the present time. Oral lessons on national government.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

GRADE I.

Body as a Whole: Correct position; blood; breathing; the senses.

GRADE II.

Parts of the Body: Their names, uses, and care, especially of the eyes, ears, nose, and teeth.

GRADE III.

Elementary ideas of digestion; necessity of thoroughly masticating the food; wholesome and unwholesome food.

GRADE IV.

Elementary ideas of the circulation of the blood; of respiration; lessons on the skin, muscles, tendons, fat, bones, joints, ligaments, cartilage, nerves, blood-vessels.

GRADE V.

The Digestive System. Lessons on the internal organs and needs of the body.

GRADE VI.

The Circulatory System. The Respiratory System.

GRADE VII.

The Muscular System. The Skin. The Nervous System.

GRADE VIII.

The Bony System. General review.

Lessons on stimulants and narcotics throughout the course.

Drawing and Nature study is in the State course of study.

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